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# The Household Journal

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The Missing Line . . . . .

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The line you supply must be in rhyme and rhythm. The last word should rhyme with the word "true." For instance, such words as Do, Too, New, Rue, Who, Coo, Two. And to be in rhythm you must have twelve syllables. To help you understand what is required, we give a line here, but you can make one with fewer letters:

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## Here and There

Some succeed by gathering up the advantage won by those who fail.

You may deceive men but you cannot deceive your own conscience.

One way to get rid of a man you don't like is to marry one you do.

It is a wise man who knows when to decline a nomination for office.

It may be old-fashioned, but we always did prefer our shirtsleeves to a "smoking jacket."

It's a mighty mean man that will kick when he sees a hole in the toe of the baby's shoe.

Just about the time a man begins to think he is "it" somebody comes along and slips an "n" in front of it.

It is time to drop the "take-the-children-to-see-the-animals" on circus day joke when the children get so big you have to dig up the price of adult tickets.

Nearly every one can remember something he said when a baby, and which has become a family tradition because it was so cute.

## PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

As briefly stated on our first cover page, THE HOUSEHOLD JOURNAL and FLORAL LIFE have combined and henceforth will be published as one magazine. The union is most appropriate, from the fact that both magazines have been "home" papers. FLORAL LIFE has enjoyed a large circulation for several years and has an established reputation as a National authority on floral matters; and it is highly esteemed by lovers of flowers everywhere. THE HOUSEHOLD JOURNAL, young and vigorous, has won its way into the home-life of many thousands of our American homes. And so now these two large and happy families are united into one great family of over 200,000 households, with about one million readers.

As the subscription price of FLORAL LIFE has been 50 cents per year, while that of THE HOUSEHOLD JOURNAL is 25 cents, we will extend the time of FLORAL LIFE subscribers to make up the difference. That is, if you were still entitled to receive FLORAL LIFE five months on your present subscription, you will now receive this paper ten months, giving you double the number of months to which you were entitled to receive FLORAL LIFE.

And we want everybody to feel at home in our great family. If you want to ask questions about household matters, or offer helpful suggestions to others, write to our Aunt Jane. If you want advice about anything relating to flowers, their care and culture, write to us, and your problems will be solved by a recognized authority and enthusiastic lover of flowers. Always enclose stamps if you want reply by mail. And for the benefit of others, give us your helpful experience in all matters pertaining to the home and the flower garden.

Now just a word further: If your subscription has expired, or is about to expire, we will mark your time paid to January, 1910, if you will promptly send only 25 cents. And this will entitle you to enter the Presidential Verse Contest announced on our second page, and you will also receive one of the fine art pictures offered to all contestants. These handsome pictures are in many bright colors, and are much admired by all who see them. This is a very liberal offer, by which your time will be paid to January, 1910. Those already paid some-time in advance may accept this offer and their time will be extended a full year.

A subscriber in the Southwest sent the editor a fine little cactus plant which has sprouted during its trip through the mails.

Another friend sends us a freak rose, the pretty flower growing on a new stem which shoots up from a bud beneath it.

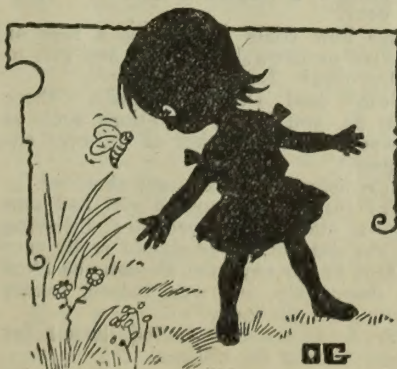
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### A FUNNY MISTAKE.

A dainty little maiden,  
In the long ago,  
Went into the meadow  
Where the blossoms blow.

A humble-bee was flying  
Round the flowers rare,  
And it thought the maiden  
Was a-growing there.

On her cheek it lighted  
And took a little nip.  
"Ah," it said, "this blossom  
Is mighty sweet to sip."



Have you written your line for the Presidential Verse? See page 2.

Remember, this paper is sent three years for only 50 cents. FLORAL LIFE subscribers who have sent 50 cents for their subscriptions since the combination with THE HOUSEHOLD JOURNAL was effected will receive this paper three years.

"King" and "Kid" are names of the two ponies offered in our new pony contest. Boys and girls! Don't delay. Write a postal today, saying you want to know how to earn one of these handsome Shetland ponies. We will at once mail you full information free. Address this paper.

We regret that the judges are unable to announce in this issue the names of the winners in the square puzzle contest, the delay being caused by the slowness of some of the contestants in sending their lists of words. We have endeavored to be extremely fair by giving more than ample time for making these lists. The judges are sure to reach a decision in time for announcement in our next number.

### SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

(Atchison (Kan.) Globe.)

The man who does not brag on himself usually has reason to.

There never were men like the men we expect our neighbors to be.

People who keep their money tied up in stockings usually believe in ghosts and fairy tales.

When a man is sick as long as five hours, he has his wife look his body over for bed sores.



# A Leap-Year Proposal

By Harriet M. Collette.

It was ten o'clock of a bright morning in April, and Dorothy was hurrying down Beacon street toward the home of her friend and cousin, Grace Lovering. Dorothy was acting upon an overnight resolve, and now that the morning for its execution had actually arrived, her inspiration and enthusiasm seemed suddenly to have left her.

It was now just two years since she and Harold Bryant had begun anew their acquaintance upon the solid, practical basis of Platonic friendship. It had been according to no wish of his. Dorothy remembered now with a thrill his bitter opposition to such a plan of partnership, which was but a further separation, and his passionate plea for a nearer and closer tie. But it had then seemed to her that such a friendship was all she needed from Harold—he made a delightful friend. She had so many admirers among the men of her acquaintance—lovers they would have been had she let them. She had so many good friends among the girls. Her life was complete as it was with her happy home circle and many friends; with the round of social duties incumbent upon a much-sought maid, the usual fashionable charity work, and a judicious blue-stock tendency to literary clubs and a taste for scribbling.

So Dorothy, in the wisdom of twenty, had gravely told Harold Bryant of twenty-eight that she desired no other love to interrupt the smooth flow of her life, and to ripple its placid shallows into eddies and whirlpools. She acknowledged that she was fond of him—everyone was—in a calm and common-sense way not incompatible with the indefinite continuance of her present mode of life. So he must be content to share this fondness with Browning, Tolstoi and Ibsen, with the little muckers of her Sunday-school class, a number of girl friends, and certain editors who had smiled not unkindly upon her cheerful chirpings.

That had been two years ago, and was Dorothy changed? It could hardly be. The Browning clubs, the little muckers and the editors had not found her so. Harold himself, in his regular calls at her home—she had stipulated for these as a part of the agreement—had noticed no change. He had sought for it wistfully in those first few months, but he had despaired. She seemed wholly happy without him. Yes, it was two years since he had said to her that night, hesitating, hat in hand, between the portieres:

"Well, Dorothy, if it must be only that—Platonic love, so be it. But if ever you change, dear, and need—the other, let me see it, Dorothy. I shall know. I shall never change."

"Let me see it, Dorothy." The words rang in her ears as she stepped briskly along the sidewalk. Would he know if he could see her now? Would he guess the secret which she had only just discovered for herself? No, he had been quite the same as usual when he had called last, the week before. But he was coming again tonight; it was his regular evening, and she—Well, she could not make up her mind what she ought to do under the circumstances—what she *could* do without violence to her high sense of propriety—and that was what took her to her cousin's house on this particular morning.

Dorothy ran up the long flight of steps

to the Lovering house, and rang the bell vigorously.

Grace was at home, and the two girls were soon ensconced in the long window-seat of her cozy room.

"Grace," began Dorothy suddenly, soon after her arrival, "do you believe in a girl's ever proposing to a man?"

Grace stared blankly and fairly held her breath at so abrupt a question from—Dorothy, of all people!

"Why, what a question!" she said. "No, emphatically."

"What, not under any circumstances?"

Grace's eyes were still wide with wonder.

"Why, I can't imagine—you don't contemplate such a thing, do you, Dorothy?"

Dorothy's cheeks flushed pink.

"Nonsense!" she laughed, shortly. "I am asking an abstract question—merely for the purpose of literary experiment, of course. But you know this is leap-year."

## THE MARIGOLD

(By Rose Seelye Miller.)

LET them sing of the rose and the mignonne,  
Of the pansy sweet and the violet.

We will sing today, in a simple way,  
Of a flower that blooms in its lowly sway;

We will sing of its hold,  
And its leaves of gold,

Its petals of velvet lying fold on fold,  
The flower that grew in the gardens of old,

The marigold, fair marigold.

In the time-sweet days when our forbears were young,

When life in their hearts its siren song sung,  
In Love's sweet hour and its richest dower,

Was poured in light and wine-sweet power,  
When the fair young bride,

Left her mother's side,  
Her eyes soft lit, with her heart's high pride,

She snatched from the garden's glooms and gold,  
The marigold, fair marigold.

Sometimes that heart grew sad and lone,  
And sometimes Life's bread seemed turned to stone;

Then out into her simple garden plot,  
She sought not the rose, nor forget-me-not—

But the old-time flower  
With its gold rich dower,

For it brought back again, with its time-sweet power,  
The home love of old with its heart-sweet hold.

Came back by the sight of the marigold.  
The marigold, fair marigold.

As if that would make any difference,"

Grace's disapproval was apparent. "Are you going to put it in a story?"

"Perhaps. I wanted to have your opinion, dear."

"But how could it ever be a nice or lady-like or natural thing for any girl to do, Dorothy? I can't imagine—"

"Still," said Dorothy, slowly, "there might be, you know, conditions such as you—such as we, neither of us, ever encountered."

"For instance?" Grace was skeptical.

"For instance, suppose a girl had sent away a man who loved her, believing that she did not, never should really care for him, or for any man, though she liked him thoroughly, and was, indeed, fonder of him than she knew."

"Yes," Grace had settled herself for a story, among the pillows.

"Suppose she found out, after years—twenty years, say—that he had been growing dearer to her all the time; that comparing him with other men she knew, learning to understand his character better, and appreciating at last what it was to be loved as he had loved her, she finally found that this love was the one thing she needed to make her life perfect; that without this all the rest, which she had once thought all-sufficient, was nothing."

"Oh, it really sounds like a written book." Grace was listening, with clasped hands and parted lips, and her eyes glowed eagerly. She was four years younger than her cousin, and still enthusiastic. Is the hero handsome?"

Dorothy flushed again. "He is a copy of the Hermer," she said, impulsively. Then calming quickly, she went on:

"Supposing he had left her, years before, when he went away to sea, and had told her if ever she wanted him, to send; if ever she changed, to let him know."

"Yes—go on."

"Supposing when he came back she, seeing him, realized more than ever how very much she loved him, but saw that he had given up all hope of her; what would she do then, Grace?"

"Why, she would send for him to come to her, of course."

"And when he came?"

Dorothy was pulling at the sofa-pillow with apparent lack of interest. Grace was silent, hesitating. At last Dorothy looked up and said, half impatiently:

"Well, what do you think she would do now, if he did not speak? Would it be 'nice and ladylike and natural' for her to propose?"

"You would not exactly call it *proposing*," said Grace, slowly. "Yes, Dorothy, I think you might have her do it. On the whole, I am sure she would do it. I think I should. Don't you, Dorothy?"

"Well, this being leap-year, I thought she might—in the story," said Dorothy, with a quiver of a smile.

"Oh nonsense! Leap-year has nothing to do with it. It would not be a proposal at all. Don't call it that, Dorry, in the story. Call it a 'reciprocal understanding,' or some other Browning expression."

Dorothy smiled at the look of disgust on the small Philistine's face, for Grace was eminently the reverse of "blue."

"Oh, wise young judge! I think I shall take your sage advice, dear," she said, with a tender tone in her voice, as she leaned over and took the little hand lying on the window-seat beside her. "Why, what is this?" she cried, quickly, as she drew Grace's fingers toward her. "This is something new. Oh, Grace! does it mean anything? Why did you not tell me?"

It was now Grace's turn to flush and smile and droop her eyes.

"You were so taken up with your make-believe story that you gave me no chance to tell my real one, Dorry," she said, as she proudly held out the big diamond on her fourth finger for her cousin's inspection. "I was just coming over to tell you this morning, when you rang our bell. I have only had it since last night."

"Then you are really engaged? Oh, you sly little puss! And which one of them all is the happy man? Can't you see I am dying to know?" In this new surprise Dorothy had almost forgotten her own perplexity.



"Can't you guess, Dorry? I half thought you suspected yesterday when you met us on the Garden. You looked at Harold so queerly, and then at me."

"Harold!" Dorothy's voice was steady—had she not the new woman's training to some purpose?—but the tone was low and dry with startled surprise.

"Why, yes, who but Harold? We have been engaged a whole day; but I wasn't going to tell until I had *this* to show you," she touched the ring caressingly. "And he brought this last night. Is it not a beauty?"

"Beautiful," echoed Dorothy, her eyes fixed steadily upon the stone, her lips moving mechanically.

"And isn't my story much more interesting than yours, after all, Dorry, though you are an authoress, and I only a silly butterfly?"

"Oh, much more interesting," Dorothy pulled herself together with an effort. "And I never suspected," she said, half to herself, slowly and wonderingly.

"No, I believed not; although Harold said yesterday that when he was last at your house—that was before it happened—he had thought by your manner that you suspected how he felt toward me, and were glad. Oh, Dorry, I am so happy, and he is so good!"

Dorothy stooped and kissed the shining face lying on her lap. "I might have known," she said, quietly. "You are just the girl for him."

"But I had always thought he cared for you, Dorothy," Grace went on, slowly, and with a new tenderness and sweetness in her tone. "I thought until this winter that he considered me only a little girl—so much younger than he, and silly. I thought you were the one. But you were really only friends, after all—the very best of friends, he says, like you and me, Dorry."

"The very best of friends," echoed Dorothy, dreamily; yes, that was all.

"When shall you write your leap-year story, Dorothy?" questioned Grace, as Dorothy rose to go at last, after receiving many confidences and confessions.

"I am going home to think it over now, dear," she said, gently. "And I think, after all, Grace, that it would not be quite 'nice or ladylike or natural.' I don't think that I shall let my heroine propose, after all."

"Oh, then he will never know!"

"No, he will never know."

"And what will become of her?" Grace could sympathize now.

"Oh, she will 'live happily ever afterward.'"

"But how can she, Dorothy—I don't see—"

"Grace, dear, that is what I have got to go home and puzzle out. Good-by, darling!"

## A Floral Party

(By Mrs. Clara Houston.)

While the weather is so warm, an entertainment on the lawn or under pretty trees would be enjoyed by all.

If the number of your guests are limited to a small number, small tables, each decorated in some flower, would be pretty. Place a single bloom at each plate. If possible have those who wait on the tables wear costumes to represent their table. For instance, those at the daisy table may wear white dresses, yellow sashes and collars of white crepe paper cut in the shape of daisy petals. The rose table could have a waitress in pink and a cute cat of pink crepe paper, on which are pasted tissue-paper rose petals. Any

hostess can think out clever ideas for other tables. Ices could be served in the paper flower ice-cups, which can be bought. At any rate the plain cups can be purchased at fancy stores, then one could cover the outside with flower petals of tissue paper.

Have place-cards made of water colors to represent the flowers, or a quotation about each flower could just be written on paper cut the shape of the flower.

A few articles placed on a stand representing flowers would make a good contest. Have neat little booklets, flower shape, with pencils attached for each guest to write the answers as she makes them out. A prize of carnations or a bunch of roses would be appropriate for first prize. The following ideas may be used, but the hostess may be able to think out clever ideas of her own:

A piece of butter in a cup. (Buttercup).

An old clock, hands pointing to IV. (Four O'Clock).

Picture of a smiling face and an ax. (Smilax).

A small white slipper. (Lady-slipper).

A figure 2 and picture of lips. (Tulips).

A picture of the sun. (Sunflower).

A few locks of hair. (Maidenhair).

A picture of a fox and a lady's glove. (Fox-glove).

Little blue bells on a string. (Bluebells).

A bottle of pop and a pea. (Poppy).

A piece of taffy. (Candy-tuft).

A lump of sugar and a pea. (Sweet pea).

An ear-trumpet. (Trumpet-flower).

### A MEAN MAN.

"They're teaching Johnny at school," said Mrs. Grouch, "to sew and cook."

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# Our Floral Friends



**The Pansy Bed**

(By Ida D. Bennett.)

Who is there who loves a garden that does not put first, in the list of flowers which are indispensable, the pansy, and long for great beds of them in all the wonderful wealth of color possible to this class of plants? Fortunately, the culture of the pansy presents few, if any, difficulties, and as they are raised from seed, the cost is no bar to their enjoyment in any quantity desired.

There are, however, a few conditions to be considered if we will grow good and notable flowers, and the first of these is the purchase of good seed. It is a question if there be a pansy grown that is homely or unworthy of culture, but then there are pansies and pansies and one naturally wishes the best, and these can only be secured by purchasing the best seed. All first-class florists make a specialty of fine pansies; not only do they grow fine flowers for seed themselves and have it grown on pansy farms where only one color of flower is grown in a place, but they are always interested to secure the best products of the pansy specialist all over the world. From the seeds of these specially grown plants and from the various specialists, their packets of seeds are made up. Many of these collections may seem at first thought high in price. Where one has, perhaps been in the habit of buying a five-cent packet of seed of the local grocer, the paying of twenty-five or fifty cents a packet for seed may seem an extravagance; but once purchased and the result shown in the wonderful improvement over the cheaper seeds, all misgivings will vanish.

These high-priced packets should contain about two hundred and fifty seeds—enough for a large bed of plants, and as the vitality as well as the quality of the seed is high, the greater number of the seed may be trusted to germinate.

The best time to sow seed of pansies for spring blooming is about the middle of August—say the fifteenth. This gives fine plants which will be ready to bloom as soon as transplanted into the open ground early in April. If possible a cold-frame or spent hot-bed should be employed for the starting of the seed, but if neither of these be available, a rough frame of boards may be easily constructed in some

sheltered, well-drained spot where the bed can have at least the morning sun. This frame should be constructed on the general principles of a hot-bed—higher in the back than in front and sloping towards the sunshine, not towards the north. It should be provided either with sash—old window-sash will do—or with a covering of oiled muslin or canvas stretched on a frame so as to exclude and shed water.

The best soil for the sowing of pansy seed is a mixture of leaf-mold and good garden loam, but any mellow soil which will not bake and cake will give good results. Where one is enterprising enough to have a well-constructed compost heap, the soil furnished from that will give the best of material for the purpose. It should be sifted through a coarse coal or gravel sieve to free it from stones, roots and the like—that is, enough of the surface soil should be so treated for the sowing of the seed. The seed may be sown broadcast or in shallow drills, covering it about an eighth of an inch deep and pressing the soil snugly over it with a piece of wood.

A bed three feet by six will allow of the sowing of several packets of seed and the drills should be made far enough apart to allow of transplanting part of the plants into fresh rows as soon as they are large enough to handle or become at all crowded. If only part of the bed is needed for the sowing, then the remaining half may be used for transplanting. The bed should occupy a well-drained position that there may be no trouble with water standing on the surface in winter. When the seeds are all sown, the rows should be carefully labeled with name and date of sowing, and each variety of seed should be separated from its neighbor by thin strips of wood sunk in the ground between them with the edges slightly above the surface of the ground.

After planting, the soil should be sprinkled with a rubber sprinkler or a watering pot, so that the water will be little more than a mist, as heavy watering at this time is apt to wash the seeds out of the ground—a thing to be avoided. Cover the newly-planted ground with newspapers and place the sash over, raising it partially in front or rear to admit air, or the bed may be covered with lath screens for the time being, the papers being kept in place by weights.

As soon as the plants are up and showing true leaves, the newspapers may be removed, or if the weather is hot and dry they may be placed over the sash or screens during the hottest part of the day, removing them when the sun is off the bed, but retaining the lath until the plants have attained some size. When the plants are large enough to handle, transplant those which are at all crowded into fresh rows and, as they increase in size, an occasional application of liquid manure—about twice a week—may be given with benefit.

When freezing weather arrives, the bed should be closed and well protected on stormy days and nights and kept from freezing as long as possible, that growth may continue up to the last possible moment. When really settled cold weather comes and penetrates the closed beds, freezing up plants and soil, they must be kept covered and dark until they are again free from frost, as will often occur during spells of mild weather in the winter; but they must always thaw in the dark, never under a bright sun, no matter how cheery it may be. Once thawed, no harm will re-



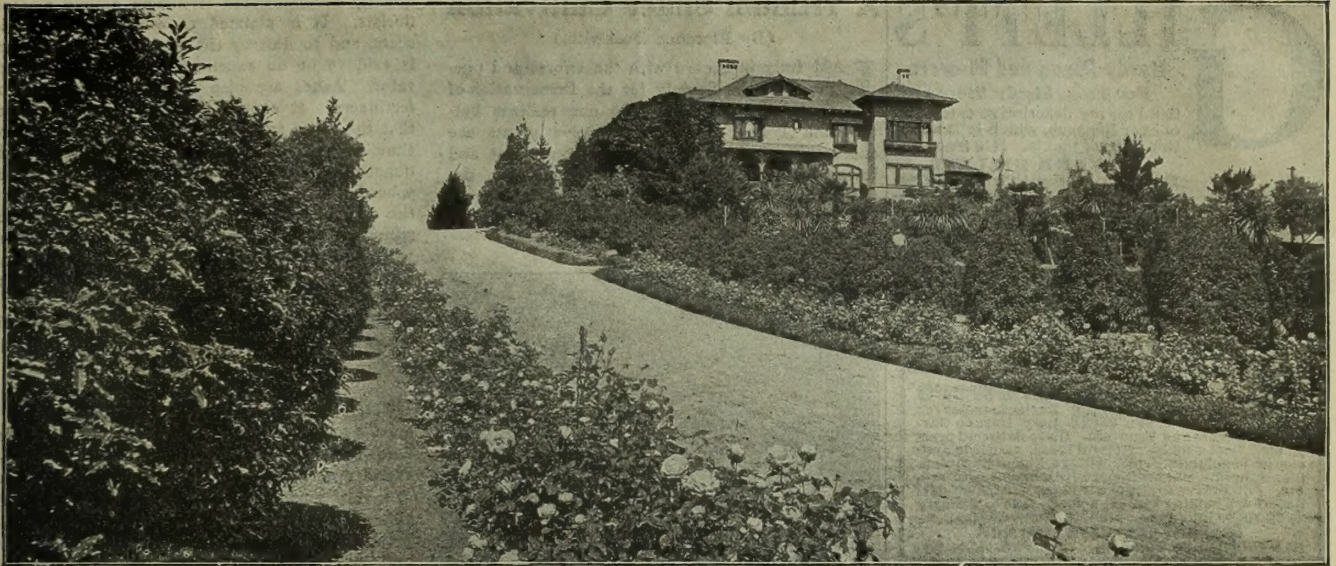
sult from exposure to the sun and air and pansies often make quite a growth in this way during winter.

As soon as the ground can be worked in the spring, prepare the bed for the pansies, making it in an exposed situation where it will have sunshine the greater part of the day. The ground should contain a large proportion of leaf-mold or humus, and where this does not naturally exist it will well repay one to make a trip to the woods for a supply sufficient to at least top dress the bed. Into the under soil incorporate a goodly supply of old, well-rotted manure, trenching it in by laying aside a spade's width of earth at one end or side of the bed and filling the trench thus formed with manure. Throw the next spading—of a spade's width of soil—on top of this and fill this fresh trench with manure and so on until the entire bed is trenched. This leaves the manure where it is most available for the roots, buries the weed seeds, with which all manure is filled—well out of harm's way and coaxes the roots of the plants down into the cooler soil below the surface. The top dressing of mold will help retain the moisture and coolness of the under soil.

The bed should be made a week or so before the plants are to be set, if possible, as it will then be less porous and the plants will not dry out as in freshly-dug soil. Set the plants in straight rows across the beds, alternating the plants in succeeding rows and setting them nine inches apart each way. Pansies look better in long, narrow beds and such beds are far more easily cared for than wide beds, which are difficult to reach across as the plants must be gone over each day to remove all withered blooms and to prevent seeding, and when the beds are not more than three feet wide the labor of caring for them is greatly lessened.

Never attempt to save seed from the plants for another season's growing. Better sell enough plants or flowers, if economy is of moment, and invest the proceeds in fresh seeds of the best procurable. In the first place, pansy seed never comes true unless the special variety is grown alone or under a wire screen, and even then the result is doubtful. The growing of pansy seed is a special branch of flower culture best undertaken by the professional. In the second place, the





The Home of One of Our Ohio Readers.

production of only one pod of seed will materially affect the blooming of the plant, lessening both the quantity and quality of the flowers.

During the period of bloom the pansy bed should never be allowed to dry out, but should be watered every day; during hot, dry spells, twice a day—at evening and at noon. The evening watering, if well done, will last until about noon the next day, when if another good watering is given the soil will remain moist until the time of the evening watering. Pansies, unlike many other plants, are in nowise injured by water on the foliage when the sun is upon them, so there is no harm done and much good follows the practice. During the height of the season an application of liquid manure should be given the plants twice a week. It should be given regularly and, preferably, after watering.

By August the plants will have failed in their blooming capacity, the branches growing long and straggly and the blossoms small. About this time it will be found that new growth has started at the crown of the plants, and when this appears all the old growth should be cut—not pulled or torn—away. This sometimes means the sacrifice of a goodly quantity of flowers, but the new growth will more than compensate in the size and quantity of the blooms for the seeming vandalism. This new growth will continue in bloom until severe cold weather and the plants will stand the winter in much better form than if the old growth were left on to die and decay.

In preparing the pansies for their winter's sleep it is not wise to employ any covering that will decay or pack around the plants and freeze into a mass of ice. Leaves, for this reason, are to be avoided, and where possible, evergreen branches or twigs employed in their stead. If these can be obtained in considerable quantities and are cut about a foot in length, they may be stood up between the plants and form a forest of little twigs, which will protect the pansies from the sun and repeated thawings and freezings, and the plants will winter in good condition. In localities where the ground is covered with snow all winter, no other protection is needed and the plants will do much better if left alone.

In conclusion, let me say that I do not wish to be understood as claiming that

only the high-priced seeds are desirable. If one wishes solid forms of certain colors—as pure white, yellow, coal black and the like—these may be bought in the cheaper five-cent packets. The high-priced packets contain, as a rule, none or few of these solid colors, but are made up of the new and rare shades of unusual size and substance not to be obtained except in these special collections; but many very beautiful pansies of older fame are to be had at a lesser price.

#### DAHLIAS IN CALIFORNIA.

We have successfully grown dahlias as follows: We got our first tubers about April 1st, but they were already sprouted. In this climate we plant about the 1st of March if they are quite dormant. We have a heavy loam soil, which we cover with about two inches of old manure and an inch of sand. This is spaded under and the holes dug two and one-half feet apart each way and deep enough to cover the tubers with two inches of soil. We put sand under and around the tubers and cover with it. They are kept cultivated well until nearly ready to bloom, when we put on a thick mulch and have only to water and keep the old blooms off to have fine flowers the rest of the season. Not more than two or three stalks are left to a plant and these are tied loosely to stakes about three feet in height. We grow only cactus and decorative sorts, which we find more graceful in form and in endless variety of colors. We have a new yellow decorative introduced a few years ago, which is the finest yellow I have seen. It is an immense bloom and the plant is sturdy and prolific. This golden bloom is fittingly named California. CALIFORNIA.

#### NO REST FOR THE WEARY.

If a man sits down at set of sun  
To count the things that he has done,  
His good wife will suggest a few  
More things that he ought to do.

#### ASTERS.

For years I have tried to grow nice asters, but never made a success of it until last year. Having obtained some good seeds, among some other flower seeds in a special offer with subscription for "Floral Life," I decided to try again. I commenced by giving them an early start in a hotbed, which my husband, who is a gardener, prepared for my use. All my seeds generated, but the asters grew fast; as soon as the weather permitted we prepared a bed, mixing a quantity of muck with some well-rotted manure with the sand already in the bed. I set

out my asters six inches apart in rows a foot apart. I set them out just after a shower; they took root at once and grew, some four feet high with branches of such lovely flowers, all colors. Some measured three and four inches across, fringed and pompons just like chrysanthemums. Everyone admired them and some asked me to save seeds for them, while others claim that they will not produce such double flowers this year. I would like to learn from others of their experience with asters whether they produced double or single flowers from home-grown seeds. We think "Floral Life" very helpful. MRS. C. W., Michigan.

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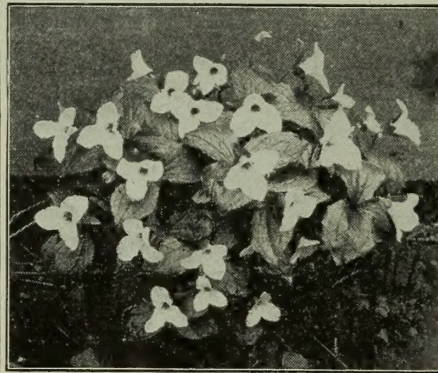
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## A Trillium Under Cultivation

(By Florence Beckwith.)

I AM fully in accord with the efforts and purposes of the Society for the Preservation of Our Wild Flowers. No one realizes better than I how rapidly our native plants are succumbing before the growth of our cities and towns, and no one mourns more over the devastation caused by the thoughtless who wander forth and ruthlessly destroy every flower they find.



Trillium Grandiflorum

But, as our native plants are thus so surely being exterminated, and every year one has to go further from town to find the most attractive species, it is a pleasure to have some of them growing around one's home; and, truly, I think transplanting to the garden is the surest way of saving many of them from absolute extermination.

Many of the wild flowers take kindly to cultivation; in fact, it is often a surprise to find how readily some of them adapt themselves to seemingly adverse conditions, thriving luxuriantly and blossoming freely in the garden. Among those which bear transplanting with equanimity and flourish even more luxuriantly than in their native haunts, are the trilliums.

Some six years ago a root of trillium grandiflorum, the large white trillium, was transplanted to a city yard. Though planted in an unfavorable location, on the north side of a high board fence and close up against it, the plant has flourished, increasing in size every year and the blossoms growing larger. After being planted four years the clump bore thirty-three blossoms, and the next year forty beautiful ones adorned it.

The illustration does not show all the blossoms, some being hidden by the leaves and others facing toward the fence. If I had possessed just a little more faith and had waited two or three days before having the photograph taken, the blossoms would have been larger and more of them would have shown. But I was afraid to risk the danger of injury to the plant by the neighboring children, or the stray cats which enjoy a promenade through the yard. However, enough of the blossoms are visible to show the vigor of the plant and its beauty when in bloom.

### Experience Club

#### HOME-MADE PLANT FOODS.

THE plants that start into vigorous growth and bloom with the first hint of springtime in the strengthening sun will demand increased nutriment for their best development. It will be wise to avoid the use of coffee grounds, tea leaves and other stimulants of this sort, often recommended for this purpose. With so many good powdered fertilizers which may be dissolved and used in liquid form, it is folly to resort to these doubtful methods of supplying stimulants which are liable to develop a good supply of small white worms.

Soot from the chimneys is also one of the fre-

quently recommended fertilizers among amateur florists. It is claimed to ward off certain insects, and to destroy the worms in the soil, and is said to be an excellent fertilizer and invigorator. Ashes are also included in these home fertilizers. It should be remembered, however, that the ashes from wood and not from coal fires should be used, and then only in very small quantities. In using the chimney soot, a teaspoonful in a pint of warm water will be about the right proportion for the plants that require a stimulant. Too much of these doubtful fertilizers will do more harm than good. A week tea made from well-rotted stable manure, or some good commercial plant food, frequently applied in small quantities, will give more general satisfaction. **P. WESTCOTT HUMPHREYS.**

### SUCCESS AT LAST

I tried many times to grow sweet peas in open ground, but they blighted and soon died. One spring I had a packet each of White Wonder and Crimson Cluster sweet peas and was very anxious to see the blooms. The year before I filled a large box with rotted manure within three inches of the top and finished with rich soil. I sowed pansies in this and they were a success—grew and blossomed well—but that winter were killed. In this box I sowed a row of each variety of peas one-half of each packet. I used no new soil. A row of brush was set between the rows of peas. They came up and did not mind a light snow, which came late. They were rather thick, but did not seem to suffer, and no old-fashioned Champion of England peas ever grew taller or looked healthier than they did, and all summer were one mass of crimson and white, mostly double blossoms. Of course, I saved but little seed as the flowers mostly failed to seed. On this account the double kinds would seem better for display of flowers. The box had northeast exposure and sunshine two or three hours in the morning and was kept well watered.

**ELIZA C. SMITH, New York.**

### A VOICE FROM MINNESOTA.

I think that flowers are sweet messengers from our kind Heavenly Father. Everyone seems to tell of His love and care for us. It seems to me that when we are working with our flowers we are working in partnership with God. We plant, water and care for them, but it is God who gives the increase. I have about thirty plants. Two large fuchsias, each nearly five feet tall, the flowers on one are all red and on the other red and white. Did you ever try raising a crown of thorns? They are very satisfactory, and although the flowers are small, they are beautiful. I have two fine small palms which I raised from seed planted last June. I have also raised geraniums from seed with good success. I have an angel wing begonia, Christmas cactus, myrtle, chrysanthemum and a large umbrella palm. I would like to correspond with some intellectual Christian woman who loves flowers.

**MRS. A. VAN KLEEK, Barnesville, Minn.**

### FOR GREEN BUGS.

Sometime ago I noticed that someone wanted to know what to do for green bugs on rose stems. Now, I find, that this does the work thoroughly: One pint of coal oil in one gallon of water, and sprinkle the rose bush well. It will kill the bugs but not the bush. I know this is good for I have tried it. Will some of the "Floral Life" readers tell me where I can get the flowering almond bush?

### HOW DEEP TO PLANT SEEDS.

Cover seeds three times their diameter. Fine, powdery seeds should be surface sown, then the earth firmed by pressing it with a board. Many lose all they have invested in seeds by covering them too deep. Morning glories need to be covered a half inch deep; sweet peas, nearly an inch deep.



## Floral Problems

Editor's Note:—We take pleasure in announcing that we have secured the services of one of the best floral experts in the country to take charge of this department of our magazine and answer all floral queries, commencing with our next number.

**Rose Seed**—"How should one plant rose seed to get it to come up? I have planted a great many in the last ten years, and only three ever came up. One of these has never bloomed, though nine or ten years old. The seed was from a Jacquiminot rose." J. L. S., Massachusetts.

This editor's experience is the reverse of this gentleman's. Almost every seed grew, bloomed the second and third years, and were so poor that we dug them up as fast as they bloomed and threw them away. The only satisfactory ones were some rare wild roses from semi-Arctic regions. They were true to type and a real satisfaction. Sow rose seed before it loses its vitality. Sow in moderately moist ground, and it germinates well. Protect the small plants over winter.

**Alaska Snowballs**—"I have two snowball bushes and a white lilac. Have had them for five years, but they never bloom. Last year I had just one snowball on each bush. They send up lots of young shoots and look healthy." Mrs. J. N. L., Ketchikan, Alaska.

Not so many years ago we thought of Alaska as the land of Eskimo snow huts and three months' midnight. And here a settler is scolding because her snowballs and lilac do not bloom in good old American style! Why it's a standing miracle to some of us that you can grow the bushes, let alone look for flowers on them! Your snowballs are going to bloom all right. It is a bit more doubtful about the white lilac. Its buds (flower buds) are sometimes killed hundreds of miles farther south. The old purple-flowered lilac would be more certain to bloom. Still, if the lilac buds are slow in starting, they may endure even Alaska's cold.

**Hardy Hibiscus**—"I planted hardy hibiscus in sandy soil enriched with horse manure. It grew well at first, then turned yellow and every leaf and bud dropped off while everything else was green. What is the trouble? Is it really hardy?" Mrs. H. A. J., Ohio.

The trouble was the horse manure. It is not a safe fertilizer in inexperienced hands. Yes, the hardy hibiscus is perfectly hardy.

**Night-Blooming Cereus**—"I have a night-blooming cereus. When I put it out doors in the summer the leaves seem to burn. What is wrong?" Mrs. W. H., Missouri.

Missouri's summer sunshine is hot. Night-blooming cereus, unlike most cacti, do not like

blistering sunshine. Put the plant where it is sheltered from sun during the hottest part of the day, and it will not burn.

**Anemone. Olea. Lycopodium**—"1. How can I make anemone Whirlwind grow? 2. What is the culture of olea fragrans? 3. How shall I grow lycopodium?" Miss S. A., Ohio.

Plant the anemone in good garden soil, where there is good light, but shelter from the hottest sun. Keep down weeds, and keep a sharp outlook for blister beetles about midsummer. They are exceedingly fond of this plant and ruin many specimens. Kill them with a stick. 2. Olea needs pot culture. Grow it as you would abutilon or hibiscus. It is not at all particular as to heat, moisture, sun or care. 3. Lycopodium needs shade, a woody, sandy soil and even temperature. It is a fine thing for ferneries and Wardian cases, but rarely does well in the more open window, or with ordinary pot culture.

**Hardy Pinks and Carnations**—"Please tell me the names of some hardy pinks or carnations. Also the kind of soil. Do they require much water? Will they stand the hot summer sun?" Mrs. A. E. M., Alabama.

Marguerite carnations and picotee pinks, Heddewigii, plumarius, and various other kind of hardy pinks will do well anywhere. "Mule" pinks are grown from plants and slips. The old grass pink, and the newer Mrs. Simpkins, Her Majesty, Juliette, etc., are examples of these. They will grow in any kind of soil and stand sun perfectly. They do object to having water stand on them.

**Hedge**—"I want a pretty hedge that will not winter-kill." J. S., Illinois.

An arbor vitae hedge is ornamental, always evergreen, and is hardy. It can be kept as dwarf as desired by close clipping. Privet is now the most used of ornamental hedging. California privet is the most used, but the Amoor privet is hardier, and of a richer color.

**Rose, Hundred-Leaved**—"What has become of the old hundred-leaved pink rose? I have been unable to find it in any catalogue." Mrs. J. C. C., Iowa.

It is against magazine rules to give addresses of floral firms outside of the advertising columns. If this lady will give her name and her full address, with stamp, we will give her the desired information.

**Rose Trouble**—"What is the matter with my climbing Meteor and La France roses? They are full of buds that blast and drop off." M. E. B., Ohio.

1. They may be too shaded. 2. It may be an unfavorable season, too much rain and too little sunshine. 3. They may set too many buds and lack strength to mature them all.

**Barrenness with Extreme Luxuriance**—Several parties complain of more than ordinarily luxuriant oranges, or pelargoniums, or lemons, or shrubs that have never bloomed. The trouble

with all of these is an excessive growth of plant wood and foliage at the expense of the flowering wood. Sometimes the fault is in an excess of nitrogen in the soil—usually the result of over-use of barnyard manures. With time, this excess is used up; or, if overgrowth is the cause, the plant gradually becomes more normal, and flower buds are produced. One must exercise patience in such cases.

**Hard Soil**—"I bought a house and lot. Finding the soil jet black, I have been dreaming of the fine garden I was going to have. I used some of this soil to pot a plant. It formed a heavy lump in the middle of the pot something like I imagine clay would. Is the soil no good? Is there any way to remedy this? This was once a stock farm with coarse grass. There is only a foot to yellow clay." A. O. H., no address.

The soil lacks humus or decayed vegetable matter. Only a coarse grass grew on it before, showing it was deficient in plant food. Anything that will add decaying vegetable matter to the earth will help it and prevent its caking as hard as a bone—something that all soils lacking humus do. If you could get several loads of leaf loam or muck from an old pond, or river washings, it would help wonderfully when spaded in and mixed with your other soil. A heavy dressing of barnyard manure would help materially.

**Scale**—"The leaves of my Holly fern have white spots on them, and are turning brown. What is it?" Miss M. M. S., Connecticut.

It is the white scale. See June number of "Floral Life" for remedies.

**Slugs on Carnation**—"Shall green worms eat out the hearts of my carnations?" E. M. P., California.

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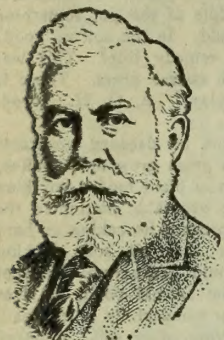
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## Aunt Jane's Page

Aunt Jane invites all of our Household Sisters to write her, asking for any desired information, or giving others the benefit of their own experience. Address letters for this department to Aunt Jane, care Household Journal, Springfield, Ohio.

### AN AUGUST TALK.

As this month seems always so trying to the housewife on account of the heat, my talk will be in ways which I hope will help each one to save herself and keep comfortable. The other day when I was preparing to grind crackers for omelet and other dishes, I wondered how many did the way I was doing. But I might as well tell you my way.

Some day when you have some spare time, roll or grind a large amount of crackers, say a pound, then put in a clean tin can or glass jar and set aside for use when you are in a hurry some day. Grate the chocolate and fasten tightly in a tin box. Make it a rule to save your steps, as the old saying, "let your head save your heels." Don't forget to make a fireless cooker as I told you about last month. This means a time and labor saving device, as well as saving of fuel and a hot kitchen. Always soak rice, beans, tapioca or dried fruit over night and you will find much time saved in cooking. I receive so many letters asking me to tell about keeping house. This I want to do as much as I am able, but even then I can only do it in a general way, on account of the various situations and conveniences of the different kitchens, bed-rooms, etc. Then, too, each housewife, to be successful, must apply the suggestions I give as they best fit her needs.

This month we are all trying to keep cool, so I must give you some suggestions which are good. If the room is very warm and uncomfortable the heat can be reduced several degrees by hanging wet cloths or towels in windows or doors. A brick house, or even a frame house, will be cooler if the windows and doors are closed while it is so very warm and when the members of the family are not occupying the rooms.

To cool a porch, hang curtains of matting or canvas, then apply water to the curtains. So long as they are kept damp, it will be cool behind the curtains.

Do not think, dear mothers, as this is vacation for the children that they should spend all their time in play or that the older daughter, now a young lady, should do nothing but entertain company while she is home on her vacation. These children would be far happier if you would give them tasks to do each day, and the daughter would develop a truer womanhood if she would relieve the tired hands that never tire of laboring for others.

I am sure every housewife sees the time when she is troubled with ants, flies and mosquitoes. For the little black ants, sprinkle borax (powdered) on the pantry shelves. Place it around the sugar-jar or around anything which is sweet. Try a teaspoonful of paregoric in a gill of water, and apply to the shelves for the little red ants. Some persons put gasoline in a machine oil-can and apply to the shelves, but this is done when the ants are in great numbers. For mosquitoes, try burning insect-powder by placing it on moistened blotting-paper, then light the paper and let it burn slowly. This plan of burning insect-powder is also good to rid the house of flies. Close all windows and doors while the powder is burning. Then brush

up the flies and burn in the stove. This is better than sticky fly-paper.

Another good remedy which is a sure preventive of flies and mosquitoes is to put a pinch of quassia chips in a saucer of cold water and set in each window. Renew about twice a week. Try the plan when it is very hot of serving luncheon on the lawn or under the trees. The children will enjoy this if mother will picnic with them and it will save dish-washing.

During the warm days use as little meat as you can. Use more vegetables and fruits. Arrange your menus with as little pastry as is possible. For dessert try puddings and fruits or ices. Enough vegetables or cereals for two days may be cooked on one day. Cold meats are better served than hot ones. Plan your cooking so it may all be done during the early morning hours. Forethought in the making of bill-of-fare a week in advance will save hours of labor and much expense.

A word of caution is necessary about left-over dishes of eggs or milk. The air is warm and filled with humidity, which makes food poison more quickly in August than any other month.

### HOME IDEAS.

To clean bottles, try a handful of uncooked rice and a little warm water.

When running rods through curtains, cut a finger from an old kid glove and place over the end of the rod. It works like a charm.

Place writing-paper, ink and pencil, as well as needles, threads, scissors and thimble in your guest-chamber, making the room as cozy as you are able to make it.

Many housewives, otherwise tidy, are none too careful in regard to the care of the sink. Greasy water should not be poured into the sink at all. Have a fine wire drain placed in the sink for pouring dish-water through. Every few days use washing-soda and warm water to rinse down the drain, or sprinkle chloride of lime into the drain.

Arrange on wood, card-board or satin the following beautiful lines for a guest-room.

"Sleep sweet within this quiet room  
O thou, whoe'er thou art,  
Nor let the mournful yesterday  
Disturb thy quiet heart.  
"Forget thyself and all the world,  
Put out each feverish light;  
The stars are shining overhead;  
Sleep sweet! Goodnight, goodnight."

If the lines are on wood burn in with "burnt-wood needle," if on card-board lay the letters in black or gilt. If on satin gilt the letters making a banner.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Young Wife—You should cook all vegetables except potatoes in uncovered vessels.

Mrs. S.—Refreshments served after 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon should not be termed "luncheon."

Housekeeper—Omelets are tough when milk is added to the eggs instead of water, or when the eggs have been beaten very light. Sprinkle salt over the omelet when it is partly done.

Laura S. W.—Your postal received, asking for advice. Study the best authorities on cooking. I shall try to help you and others along this line and general housework, but do not expect to learn all at once.

Busy—You should not be discouraged because you cannot keep house as you would like. Plan your work ahead, set down on paper what you would like to accomplish during each day of the week and see if you will not find this an easy method. Plan menus this way also.

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## Household Helps

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We have careful thoughts for the stranger  
And smiles for the sometime guest,  
But oft for "our own"

The bitter tone,  
Though we love "our own" the best.  
Ah, lips with the curve impatient,  
Ah, brow with that look of scorn,  
"Twere a cruel fate  
Were the night too late  
To undo the work of morn.

Zinc is much better for a kitchen-table than oil-cloth. Hot pans and kettles can be put on it without doing any harm.

If new clothes-pins are put into hot water they will not break so quickly in using.

When cream refuses to whip, add the white of an egg. This invariably gives excellent results and the egg cannot be distinguished when finished.

Ink stains can be removed by soaking in cold milk and changing the milk as fast as it becomes discolored with ink.

Always baste a width of calico or cheesecloth across the tops of quilts or comforts, like a binding for about a quarter of a yard wide. When soiled, rip off, wash, sew on again. This will keep your bedding always fresh and dainty.

Meringue for pies or puddings must be browned in a very moderate oven or it will surely fall.

So many persons do not seem to realize how important it is to take proper care of sponges, wash-cloths and tooth-brushes. The wash-cloth can be put in the weekly wash. The others should be rinsed in hot water and put into the sun until dry.

Sprinkle salt over meat which you wish to keep over night before cooking.

If anything should boil dry in a granite kettle and burn the bottom of the vessel, put baking-soda, about a tablespoonful to two cups of water, and place on back of stove. This will cleanse the kettle in a short time.

### IN THE DINING-ROOM.

The fork, alone, is used in eating all vegetables. It is quite improper to shove food on the fork with one's knife.

It is not good taste to fold the napkin if one comes only for one meal, but is merely placed at the left of the plate.

There is no special rule for serving salad. It is usually served as a separate course—but sometimes with a game course at a course dinner.

In eating peaches, pears, etc., remove the skin, cut the fruit up with the dessert knife, and convey the pieces to the mouth with the fork.

Small cakes are eaten from the fingers, but for slices of cake, especially those that are sticky, forks should be supplied.

All salads are taken with a fork. Salad forks are used for this part of the menu.

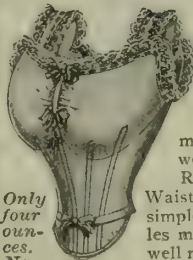
Meats, such as chops and fowls, are removed from the bone by the aid of knife and fork.

### FAVORITE RECIPES.

**Delicate Cake**—Cream, one cupful sugar and one-half cupful butter, add one-half cupful sweet milk, two cupfuls flour and two teaspoonfuls baking powder; sift together three times; whites of four eggs.

**Chicken Salad**—Cut the meat of one chicken after it has been stewed until well done. Add chopped celery, pickles and cabbage; salt to taste. Pour over this a dressing made of vinegar, yolks of three eggs, pepper, mustard and salt, stir while boiling. Pour over chicken after dressing is cold.

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### BLIND BABIES' HOME IS FREE FROM DEBT.

The Blind Babies' Home, which has been under the supervision of Mrs. Cynthia Tregear since it was founded by Mrs. Alden several years ago, is now free from debt, although at the beginning of the year there were two mortgages, each of \$5,000, on this property. The first expired in January; the second had nearly four years to run, but was paid in full the other day by a friend who refuses to permit the publication of his name. This was certainly a grand Sunshine act, and the blind babies can now truly call it their home.

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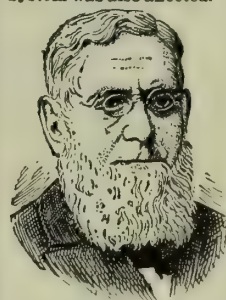
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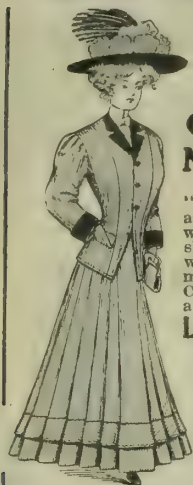
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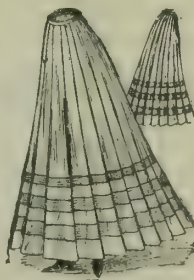
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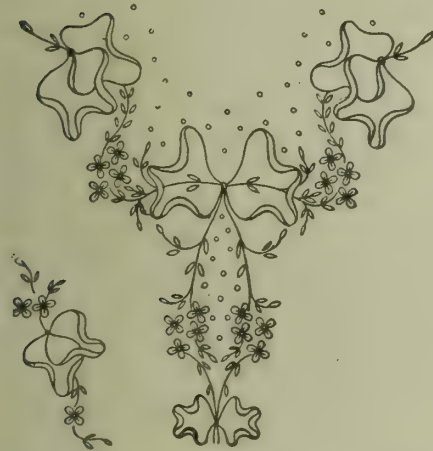


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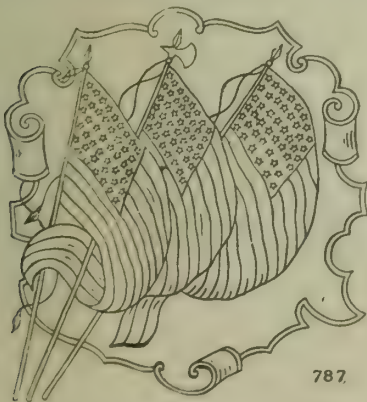
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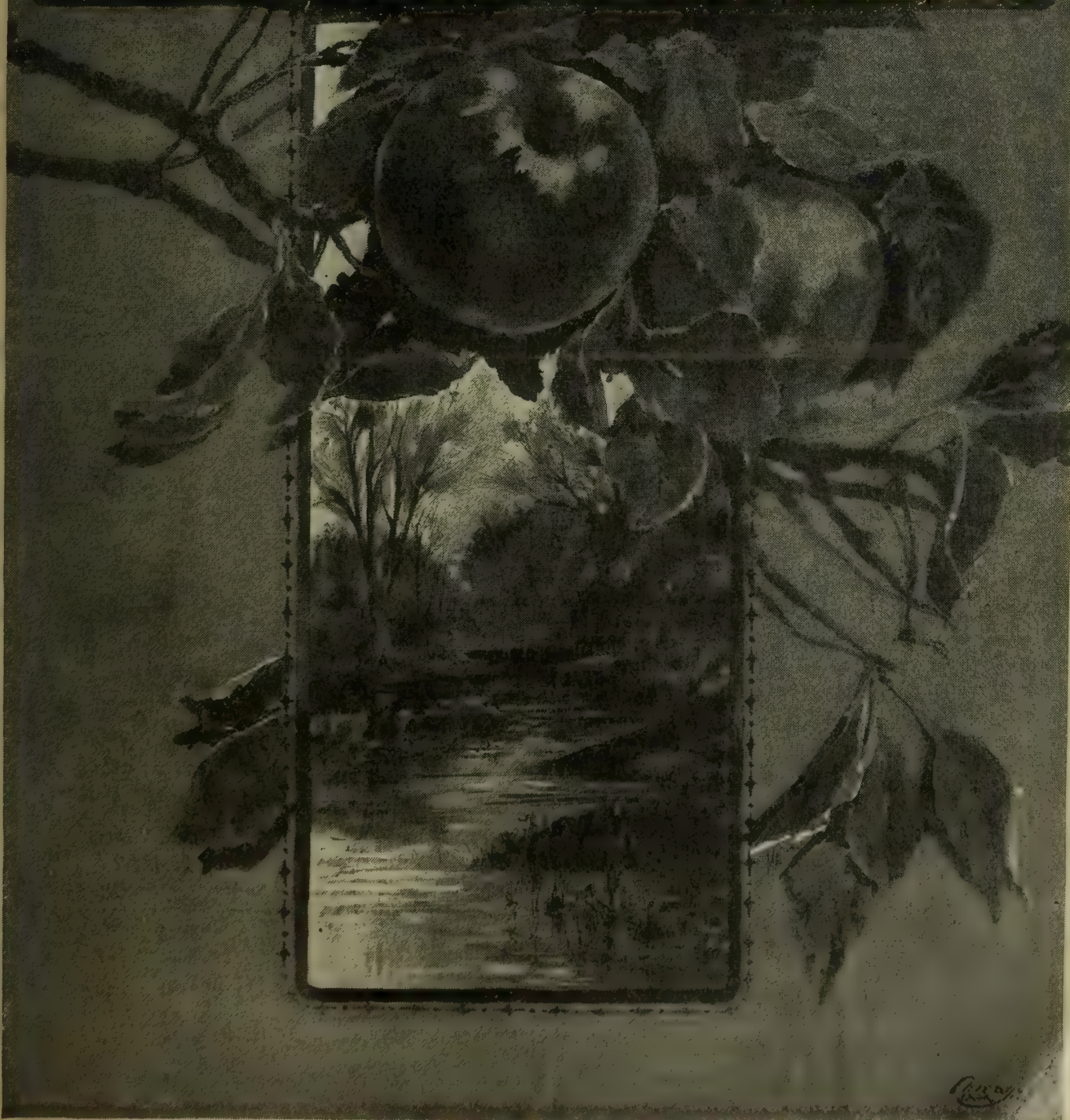
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A wise Irishman says the way to get rich is to save what you spend and work all the time you are resting.

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The editor will extend your subscription to January, 1910, free, if you will send him one new subscription at 25 cents a year.

Remember you can secure a dress pattern free if you order the pattern when renewing your subscription for one year. We will extend your subscription to January, 1910. See our Fashion page.

A Pennsylvania farmer of ninety-three went into the fields and showed his grandchildren how wheat was cradled when he was young. It is stated that the grandchildren were not at all impressed by grandpa's prowess. It savored too much of the primitive past.

## PARTING.

Gone, and I spoke no word to bid her stay!  
Gone, and I sit benumbed and scarce can rise;—  
Gone with the light of new love in her eyes,  
The splendid promise of the fervent day,  
She loves me, Ocean, loves me! And I may  
Not lip the whisper of my great surprise,  
Save to the waves and pebbles and the skies  
And to the sea-gulls circling in the spray.  
She loves me! Till she went I did not know  
Her soul. This is a mystery which no art  
Can picture and no wisdom understand.  
And she is gone and I beheld her go,  
With so much awe at sight of her pure heart  
I dared not kiss the fingers of her hand.  
—Richard Hovey, from "To the End of the Trail."

## CROPS WORTH EIGHT BILLIONS.

According to figures prepared by officials of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, the crops of 1908 will be worth nearly \$8,000,000,000.

That's a lot of money.

Going into the pockets of the American farmer it means prosperity for them, and when the men who till the soil are prosperous, the times are generally good for everybody in this country.

Take the tip and get ready now to do business. Don't let the fact that this is a presidential election year scare you even a little bit. Folks will eat and drink and wear clothes and build homes regardless of the political complexion of the next lodger in the White House.

## SPECIAL OFFER.

New subscribers, or old subscribers, sending 25 cents, *during September*, for subscription to this paper, will have their time marked to January, 1910. If your time is out, or is about to expire, this very liberal offer will put your subscription far in advance, for only a quarter. And you will also be entitled to enter the Presidential Verse Contest, described on another page, including the free picture. Attend to it today.

## SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

Atchison (Kan.) Globe.)

When a child shows you its bank, you know what that means.

You can't tell what a man's manners are until you have eaten with him.

You will blush to have it thrown up to you, but all of you have kin you do not like.

A woman who has to have operations can sink as much money as if she invested in a mine.

The day after the gossips jump a man he appears on the street with all his children, and takes them to an ice-cream parlor.

When the neighbors call at his house, a boy notices that they laugh heartily when his father tells how he used to steal watermelons when a boy, but the boy remembers that when he tried it, his father whippd him for stealing.

You get a collection of Three Ferns Free and the privilege of sending in an answer to our Presidential Verse Contest, together with a free Art or Presidential Picture, and your subscription extended to January, 1910, if you send only 25 cents for a renewal to this paper. Or you will receive all by sending us a new subscription.

## PRIZE WINNERS.

We are pleased to publish the names of the successful contestants in the square puzzle and word contest. The delay in ending the contest was occasioned by the fact that a large number of those who correctly solved the square puzzle were a long time in sending their lists of words.

The puzzle contains 53 squares, and 174 contestants correctly gave this number. These were requested to send lists of words made up from letters found in the word "Household," in accordance with the conditions of the contest, and most of them did so. The lists were submitted to the three judges, including the mayor of Springfield, the sheriff of Clark county, and a prominent attorney of Springfield. Their report awarded the prizes as follows:

First prize—\$50.00. To C. L. Polley, Hollansburg, Ohio, whose list contained 165 legitimate words. This list as received contained 420 words, but 225 were stricken out.

Second prize—\$25.00. To C. W. Harlan, Springfield, Ohio, whose list contained 155 legitimate words.

Third prize—\$10.00. To William Milholland, Sidney, Ohio, whose list contained 138 legitimate words.

The fourth, fifth and sixth prizes, \$5.00 each, were awarded to Clinton C. Gard, Tremont City, Ohio, 131 words; Marie Amann, Dayton, Ohio, 130 words; and Jos. A. Whyte, Dayton, Ohio, 123 words.

The awards were made by the judges on July 31st, and checks were mailed to the successful contestants on the same day.

## THANK YOU.

I wish to take advantage of your special offer to send the paper till January, 1910, to all who renew at once. Floral Life has been a splendid paper and now combined with The Household Journal it will be a grand paper. I am an enthusiastic lover of flowers.

MRS. SARAH A. COOK, Kansas.

## ALMOND BUSH.

I see that some of your readers want the flowering almond bush. I have a plenty of it, and will exchange for some other plant.

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## LEARNING.

Old Dog Rover  
And little Boy Jim  
Go every day  
To the pool to swim.

Little Boy Jim  
And old Dog Rover  
Jump in the water  
And then roll over.

"Splash!" goes Rover  
And little Boy Jim,  
For both are learning  
How to swim.





## BE KIND.

Be kind to everyone you meet  
And help him on his way;  
Kind words are balm for weary feet,  
So guard each word you say.  
Be kind and gentle to the ill,  
And help the weak along;  
The fallen ones with courage fill,  
And cheer them with a song.

In our July issue we asked for shut-ins to write me and tell me of their troubles and afflictions. I have received so many nice letters this month in reply to my request. Some were so thoughtful as to send a stamp for me to write to some shut-in. If everyone did this, so many more could be remembered. A stamp seems like a very little thing, but it gladdens the sad heart of many by taking sunshine in the form of a cheerful letter.

In our Cedarville, Ohio, branch we are doing all we are able to brighten the lives of the unfortunate ones in our County Home. Since I wrote you last, a Sunshine friend and I went to call on these poor, dear people, who need everyone's sympathy. We took oranges and bananas and reading material. Every woman and most of the men in the hospital received fruit. Oh, how happy it made them. They all said, "come back again." Christ says, "When ye do it unto the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto me."

Our branch has started to make bed-slippers or foot-warmers for the sick ones in our County Home. We want to give them a real treat for Xmas. How about the County Home in your County? Don't you think they would enjoy "Sunshine Friends?" Oh, the work is so grand. To forget self and do for others is the only way to be really happy. Just try it.

I received a letter from a dear lady, Mrs. Ada E. Winn, of Metamora, Michigan, who is a helpless shut-in. But she is ever wanting to do for someone else.

I must quote some of her letter to cheer others, who perhaps may not be so helpless as Mrs. Winn. She says: "I cannot tell you how much cheer the Sunshine Society has brought me nor how much I appreciate it all; you know, dear friend, even though we are shut-ins and cannot walk, nor use our hands, yet the brain keeps busy and we have our longings and desires just as formerly. But as we sit here, cut off from the pleasures and duties of the outside world, the blessed Sunshiners send us gleams of sunshine and cheer that helps us on our way, and only those know who have been cheered by it. It makes us feel as if we, too must do what we can to cheer some other one less fortunate than ourselves. And I find no matter how much we suffer or how bad off we are we can always hear of someone worse off than we are. And then we try to be brave; we are truly thankful we are as well as we are."

Don't you know it is the courage and patience these dear shut-ins display, that makes the rest of us, who think we sometimes have afflictions, become stronger and braver for our life's work? Their lives are not in vain. They remind me of a piece of poetry.

## LITTLE KINDNESSES.

You gave on the way a pleasant smile  
And thought no more about it;  
It cheered a life that was sad the while,  
That might have been wrecked without it.  
And so for the smile and fruitage fair  
You'll reap a joy some time—somewhere.

## WHERE TO SEND CHEER.

Mrs. Rose Heidelberg, of Traverse County, Dumont, Minnesota, who is a sufferer from rheumatism, would greatly appreciate letters and books. Write to this shut-in and send her some reading material. Her birthday was July 27th, so we regret we are too late for the date, but I hope she will receive a letter shower anyway.

I received a letter from a dear shut-in who has been a great sufferer from rheumatism since she was two years old. She will be 58 on November 25th. Has not had either hand to her head in about twenty-five years. She feeds herself by using a long-handled fork and spoon. She is entirely helpless in attending to herself. Yet in spite of all tries to support herself by crocheting bed-room slippers. She only charges \$1.40 for men's slippers, \$1.25 for women's sizes, and \$1.15 for children's sizes. Postage prepaid if sent by mail. Our Household sisters could probably give this worthy shut-in a lift. She is nearly dependent upon a widowed sister, who is getting old and quite feeble. Do write this dear shut-in and give her substantial aid. Her name is Miss M. E. Rogers, Sanford, North Carolina.

A young wife of only sixteen summers wrote to me inclosing a stamp for a letter to some shut-in. I appreciated that I am sure. This young matron's husband is a log-train engineer, who is at home only at nights, so she gets very lonesome. Her birthday is the first day of September, and I know she would be so happy for a birthday shower of postal cards. If you don't read this in time, remember her anyway. Address, Mrs. W. P. Coffee, Delph, Florida.

Mr. Thomas Lockhart, of Wellington, Missouri, has been a helpless invalid for a long time. Has lain on his back in the same position for twenty-two years. He is afflicted with rheumatism.

Mr. Geo. R. Morrison, of Peters Creek, Virginia, has been a shut-in for four years. This friend writes that his trouble commenced with pneumonia and pleurisy, which left an abscess in his side, and some ribs have had to be removed as a result. He has a wife and five small children; the oldest is only twelve years old. He greatly enjoys reading material.

Now, all I have named this month are Household Journal readers. I trust they will all receive cheerful letters from you. Don't wait for someone else to send.

Dear readers, if you know of an afflicted shut-in, write and tell me, so we may all get acquainted and help such ones to bear their burdens. Don't forget to send stamps for letters, and are you not going to add just one nickel to our mile of nickels? What a blessing this will mean when we can answer every worthy shut-in's call and lighten their temporal needs.

Next month I want long lists of birthdays for October and November. If stamps are enclosed I will try to answer every letter. Let everyone count his or her blessings and respond to these calls as a part of thanksgiving for what blessings they receive.

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# Raymond Crawford's Choice

*A Love Story by Helen Brosius.*

It was evening in the pretty farm-house—the home of Squire Lawson. Still and glossy lay the distant lake within its green and dense shores, soft mists hanging around like silken veil, only revealing the uncertain outline of woods and hills.

The warm, summer zephyrs stirred gently the lofty, aged trees and fragile flowers, but disturbed not the silvery waters of the slumbering lake.

Annette Lawson, a fair, slender girl, with golden-brown hair blown away from her blue-veined forehead, and a soft, violet light shining in her eyes, as she stood there gazing on the beautiful scene, was a lovely picture.

That was what handsome, light-hearted Raymond Crawford thought, as he beheld her.

"Nettie, my darling, promise me that you will be true to me—faithful to your pledge made long ago—will wait for me until my fortune is made, and I have a home to take you to," plead the fond young lover.

"Raymond, do you doubt me? You know I will wait for you as long as you desire—that I will never grow weary of watching for your return."

"God bless you, dear girl, and grant that I may never give you cause to regret your trust," and then he was gone.

Annette Lawson turned and went into the house, with the glistening dew of tears upon her cheek and a quiver on her pretty, coral lips.

"How very weak I am," she murmured, wiping away the blinding tears.

"Raymond will return in a little time and take me to his home, where we will be so very happy;" and the pretty, trusting, little girl—the orphan niece of a kind, old southern planter—tried to feel happy in the thought that "they also serve who only stand and wait."

So handsome Raymond Crawford went west to seek his fortune among wealthy friends, and Nettie stayed behind to bear the long separation as best she could.

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"Engaged, you tell me, Ray?" said old Mr. Raymond—the friend for whom Raymond Crawford's father had named him, and who, being wealthy and influential, had promised the boy a start in life. "Pshaw! Boy, you are a fool! if you will allow me to be plain with you. It was my marrying you off, with your handsome face, perfect form and stately southern grace of manner, that I expected to give you the promised start in life. I knew before you came that you must be prepossessing in appearance. Your father was a handsome, manly fellow, and your mother a beauty. But now you are going to spoil it all."

"But sir, she is the sweetest, fairest little girl you ever saw."

"Sweetest foolishness! I know women. Don't talk to me about them. Make you think they would die without you, and desert you for some other fellow without a moment's warning," roared the crusty, old bachelor millionaire. "No, boy; don't talk sentiment to me. I have no patience with it; besides, Ray, I must tell you now that I can do nothing for you in the way of advancing money or setting you up in business, but I can and will aid you in marrying a fortune; then it will be yours, without waiting for dead men's shoes."

Raymond Crawford was silent. The

glitter of the delicately frescoed ceilings, the flash of silver and cut glass, the exquisite aroma of the rare wine and the velvet flush of hot-house peaches and luscious grapes at the rich man's table were all very pleasant, and the luxurious mode of living very delightful, but yet Raymond Crawford was not very sure that he wanted wealth on his god-father's terms. One glance, one smile from dear, little Nettie Lawson were worth all these hollow pageantries.

"Here, Raymond," said the old gentleman, tossing a card across the table, I have got you an invitation to Mrs. Johnson's party Thursday night. You will meet some people there worth knowing."

Raymond Crawford hesitated. He had resolved before leaving the little southern village not to go into society while in the city. Nettie had promised to attend no parties during his absence, and he felt he was wronging her confidence to par-

## THE FLOWER GIFT

(By William Anthony Logan.)

In the endless fields of heaven,  
In God's garden stretching far,  
Grows an artist's dream of flowers,  
Sweet as eyes of angels are.

Once the Master Gardener, passing,  
Where the fairest blossoms grow,  
Saw the wretched, grovelling mortals  
On the swinging earth below.

And He said unto the flowers,  
"From these meadows shall be hurled  
One of you, to carry sunshine  
To the dust-speck called the world."

Fairest in the mighty garden  
Is the blossom that shall go,  
Carried thru the dizzy spaces  
To the desert earth below.

Not the lily's haughty coldness,  
Not the violet's drooping head,  
Nor the flaring tulip's boldness,  
Blazing yellow, flaming red.

But he sent the sweetest flower  
That in heaven's garden grows,  
Sent the fairest, purest, dearest,  
Sent the flower-queen—the Rose!

ticipate in amusements from which she refrained; but after all it would only be once, and then she need never know it.

So handsome Raymond Crawford went to Mrs. Johnson's fashionable entertainment under the patronage of the wealthy Mr. Raymond.

"Well," said the old gentleman, when the party was over, and they were once more sitting beside the fire that shone and sparkled like deep-hued rubies beneath the covered arabesques of the marble mantel in the rich man's crimson-curtained library, "how do you like my young friend, Louise Grayson?"

"Very well, sir."

"Very well! that is cool admiration. Do you know her uncle, old Hugh Grayson, is worth two millions, and she is his sole heir?"

"Is he, sir?"

"Raymond, I believe you are an idiot," roared the excited, old man. "Why, there are scores of young men of wealth and position in the city crazy to win the smiles of Louise Grayson."

"Strange, for she is very plain and uninteresting, sir."

"Uninteresting, with two millions! And if she is not very handsome, what of that? Every woman can't be a Venus,

and pretty women never make good wives—too vain and silly."

Raymond thought of pretty, winning Nettie Lawson with a thrill of tender recollection. The city heiress, with all of her golden charms, could never rival her, and beautiful as she was, she would make a good wife.

Yet, as weeks and months went by, his thought insensibly changed.

The yellow lustre of the gold-worshipping atmosphere in which he found himself seemed to wrap around him the surface glitter of society, and at last, persuaded by his rich patron and friend—urged by his own love of ease and luxury—Raymond Crawford, the handsome, penniless, young southerner, proposed to the plain heiress (five years older than himself), Miss Grayson, and was accepted.

Congratulations poured in upon him from all of his friends.

"You are the luckiest fellow I ever knew, Crawford," cried one.

"I wish I had your prospects. Just think of one fellow getting all of old Grayson's money," echoed a second.

And Raymond, dazzled by the brilliancy of his prospects, began to consider himself a very fortunate young man; only occasionally a small, still voice would echo in his memory—it recalled a broken pledge plighted long ago in the gathering twilight of a summer evening in a far-away southern clime.

Old Mr. Raymond took all the credit to himself.

"Ah, Ray, my boy, this is better than plodding on till middle age to make a fortune," said the rich, old man. "A young man of enterprise can accomplish anything he sets about nowadays, particularly if he happens to be as handsome as Apollo," and the old money king chuckled with delight at the thought of his success.

Three months later, just as preparations for the fashionable Miss Grayson's wedding were drawing to an end, Raymond Crawford chanced to meet an old neighbor, who resided near Nettie Lawson's uncle. He stopped to greet the young man.

"Ah, Jones, is it you? Stop a moment and give me a little southern news. How are the people down your way?"

"All well. There is not much news. Old Judge Thomas died. Annie Gilbert is married. Yes, there is the news about your old sweetheart, Nettie Lawson. I suppose you heard. No; well, her father who went away so long ago, when she was a mere baby, and has never been heard of since, died a few weeks ago and left her half a million dollars, stocks, and mines, and no end of money, too. Lucky, wasn't she? But she is a good girl and deserves her good fortune."

"Ah, I am glad to hear it. How is Nettie?"

"Very well, now. For a time she was in ill health, after you left, but has recovered, and is prettier than ever," said the country youth, with a wicked smile of triumph. "And the folks down our way do say she is to marry old General Gordon's son: You remember the handsome fellow who went to Europe when we were boys; he has come back, and is greatly taken with Nettie."

So, if he had been true to his pledge.



and waited only a little while, he could have had fair Nettie and a fortune. But it was too late now. He wondered, as he faced the cold wind walking down the street, if Randolph Gordon would value, as he had done, the priceless treasure of Nettie's love. It seemed more precious to him now than ever, as he was about to lose it forever, and he tried to convince himself, if he was free again, he would kneel at his old love's feet and sue for pardon, even were she penniless.

In a short time the elegant wedding—the most brilliant affair of the season—came off, and Raymond Crawford and his wife started on their bridal tour.

Upon their return, Raymond saw old Mr. Raymond wore a troubled look as he greeted him.

"Have you heard the news? Bad for you, my boy. No! Well, old Grayson married yesterday. His wife is young and beautiful, quite a prize for an old man to win; but his gold bought her—the old story, poor and pretty—he has settled all of his cursed money on her, except a small amount for Louise, who, he says, now being well provided for in being married to you, does not need his fortune."

Raymond Crawford, though a weak, vacillating man, was no scoundrel. He had made a fearful mistake; but he treats his wife well and lives with her in an humble home, daily growing more and more weary of his life, rendered very miserably by the ill-tempered woman who bears his name, while in his heart he cherishes the memory of sweet, gentle-natured Nettie, now the happy wife of Randolph Gordon, and the mistress of one of the loveliest, sunniest homes in the South.

He had broken his plight—given up the tenderest aspirations of his young manhood for money—and yet he had it not, but was forced to toil daily for a livelihood, without even the light of love to illuminate his darkened path. Surely, the way of the transgressor is hard.

## Tax Reform in Ohio

(By Fred S. Wallace.)

For more than fifty years the people of Ohio have been committed by the organic law of the State to a system of taxation which is untenable in theory and impracticable in operation. This system is known to political economists as the general property tax. It found its way into the Ohio constitution in 1851, about the time the mischievous practice arose of attempting to combine enduring economic and political principles and shifting policies of legislation in one instrument. The result has been disastrous. The constitution expressly provides that all property shall be taxed "by a uniform rule at its true value in money." The result has been a mere pretense at uniformity of rule, while no property, either real or personal, is returned at its true value in money. Besides being a thoroughly demonstrated failure as a revenue producer, the general property tax, by its manifest injustice, has placed an alluring premium on dishonesty.

The evils of the existing system have been so glaring and have been apparent for so many years as to result in widespread agitation for their amelioration. A commission of five experts appointed by Governor Harris has gone over the situation carefully and after fifteen months has rendered a comprehensive report. Besides recommending several practical and far-reaching reforms in the existing tax

laws of the State, the commissioners unanimously concur in the opinion that permanent relief can only be secured in an amendment to the constitution abolishing the general property tax, and substituting therefor a modern and scientific classification of property, which will impose a fair share of the burdens of taxation on certain forms of intangible property that today are not on the duplicate in an appreciable amount.

As the result of this report a taxation amendment will be submitted, on a separate ballot, to the people of Ohio at the November election. This amendment must inevitably receive the approval of a decisive majority of the electors of the State, if they would keep abreast of the times on so vital a subject as taxation.

## THE GRANGER'S LOVE.

(Life)

Oh, Sally was as sweet a lass  
As ere the sun he riz on;  
Her eyes so blue, her teeth of pearl,  
And golden locks all in a curl,  
Made for my heart a prison.

But summer boarders came along  
To fill her father's pocket;  
An' fust we knew, that wicked girl  
Had give one dude a shining curl,  
And he'd give her a locket.

She's married to the city swell,  
Her heart an' all is his'n.  
Ef her will let we go our way,  
We do not mourn, not us, but say,  
Why, we'll let she-go his'n

## KNEW HER.

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## Roses From Cuttings—Raising and Wintering Them

By Rose E. Marshall.

Everblooming roses are very easily raised from cuttings during late summer and autumn. Of course, some knowledge must be had and ordinary care exercised, then the results should be a source of much pleasure and profit. The professional rose-grower has reduced this business to a simple art, and there is no reason why amateurs should not have splendid success with rose cuttings.

Hardy roses are cut for propagation when the wood has become dormant; in fact, some varieties, it seems, demand that the wood be dormant in order to root well. Tea roses and such, however, should be cut when the wood is soft or many of the cuttings will not take root.

Make the cuttings with three eyes, selecting branches that are in full bloom, at which time the wood is usually of the proper hardness to form healthy cuttings.

Use a sharp knife, making a downward, slanting cut, and remove all the leaves except the upper one, and of this cut off the terminal leaflet.

Then get pure, sharp sand, sift it, and beat it smooth and hard with a brick, then with a stick like a sharpened lead-pencil stab the sand as deep as you can insert the cutting, and after the cutting is in place, stab beside it. Water thoroughly, and set in a shaded place, with a glass over it to keep the air from affecting the leaves for a few days, then gradually give air. Always keep the sand moist.

In from four to six weeks the cuttings will be rooted and ready to pot or set out. When transplanted the air should be again excluded. This can be done by pressing the soil firmly about the roots and turning a bell-glass or tumbler over each little plant. Uncover at night, and in a few

days the plant will endure the free air. Young plants should be carefully protected the first winter in the North, as they are not well enough rooted to bear neglect. This protection can be given by placing a board frame around the bed, and as cold weather sets in, fill in evergreen boughs and cover with boards to turn the rain and snow water. Leave a place open at each end to let the air circulate through, otherwise the plants may suffer from a fungus. In this way a bed of everblooming roses from cuttings can be secured with but little trouble.

### WINTERING YOUNG ROSES

Many people may wish to know how to winter young roses which have been started from cuttings during the summer or fall. If the plants are occupying a place in the open ground, let them remain there, and place a board frame around the bed. The frosts of autumn will cause the leaves to drop, and when winter sets in, fill the frame with coal ashes, cover with stable litter, then place a board covering over the frame to turn the rain and snow. Let this remain until the Easter flowers are in bloom, then remove the litter and ashes, and cover on cold, frosty nights with boards and old carpets, which can be removed during the daytime.

In preparing your bed for winter, tie roses to stakes next to the ground to keep them from straightening. The shorter ones can be tied to the next stake, and the longer ones will reach to the second one. I have wintered the Marechal Neil and other varieties not hardy in this way successfully, and therefore consider a tall rose superior to a shrub or bush rose.

I have found that evergreen boughs form a covering which rarely disappoints the rose grower. It allows the air to circulate, and thus prevents smothering, which often destroys plants covered with straw or a material that packs closely when wet.

If the young roses are in pots, they may be wintered in a shallow pit. Simply excavate a place a foot deep, place a layer of coal ashes in the bottom, then set the pots or plants in rows, filling the interstices between the pots with ashes. Now place a frame of boards around, and bank with soil to keep out all surface-water. Should wet weather come, cover with boards to keep out the rain. Leave open to frost till cold weather comes, then fill



A Garden of Hardy Chrysanthemums



in with coal ashes, place over this a covering of stable litter, and cover with boards. Remove the covering when the Easter flowers are in bloom, and protect only on cold, frosty nights afterward. If you wish to winter only a few roses, and prefer to keep them in the house, it would be better to keep them in a cool window in the sitting-room than to put them in the cellar. There they are liable to an attack of mildew, which will soon destroy the plants.

### The Narcissus

It is said that this bulb is a native of southern Europe, and it certainly luxuriates in that region, for the finest bulbs that are imported come from southern France, whence come very many of the bulbs annually planted in this country (and there are tons of them).

In greenhouse culture the bulbs are mostly planted in good, porous soil to the depth of four inches, and kept at a temperature of 45 degrees to 60 degrees. Some, however, plant the bulbs in sand near the surface; in fact, simply press them into the surface, leaving the crown of the bulbs exposed. They do well either way. They are placed in rows five inches apart, and only two or three inches distant in the rows. The scapes do not all develop at the same time. Some are in full bloom in four weeks after the bulbs are planted, while others require from five to six weeks to develop.

Window culture is not essentially different from that recommended for the greenhouse. The bulbs will grow in either pots or glasses, and the chief difficulty to overcome is the blasting of the buds. This is mostly due to the atmosphere being either too warm or too dry or both. Water should be evaporated to moisten the air, and if possible, a window in a room adjoining the sitting-room, and warmed from it, should be used for developing the flowers. The bulbs are not quite hardy, and not suitable for outdoor culture in the North, but in the South



Beautiful Water Lilies

they may be safely planted, and form admirable garden clumps.

All narcissus are increased mostly from offsets or bulblets, which issue from the base of the old bulb. On account of this method of increase, the new bulbs which form each year are a little deeper in the soil than the old ones, and as they absorb the latter, the clumps eventually become very deeply imbedded, and the bulbs are so weakened in their efforts to reach the surface as to be unable to flower. Clumps of the old-fashioned daffodil are frequently seen without flowers for this reason. The remedy is to lift the bulbs, divide them and transplant to the proper depth and distance apart. They will then soon begin blooming, and if planted alternately with tulips, will produce a handsome display for several weeks during the spring season. The time to obtain and plant bulbs is in the autumn and early winter.

As a pot plant for the window they stand next to the Roman hyacinth, if not in advance of it, and every one who prizes fragrant, beautiful flowers in winter should plant a few bulbs. They may be grown in a tin can or any vessel of sufficient size, the main elements of success being attention to watering, cool temperature and moist atmosphere.

#### FOUR GOOD WINDOW PLANTS.

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#### FRIENDLY TIP

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## Our Experience Club

### ALYSSUM IN THE WINDOW.

As a window plant in a cool room during winter, it is quite as valuable as in the garden, and will bloom as well as anything that can be grown. A potful or two in the window will supply many flowers for mixing with sprays of smilax and



rosebuds for personal adornment. It is sometimes successfully grown in a hanging-basket, bearing its flowers in great profusion, as shown in the engraving. The only precaution necessary is to avoid too much heat. It likes a cool place.

EMMA H., Ohio.

### JACKMANII.

On looking over your magazine I became quite interested in the article by Mr. Geo. W. Brown on the (deservedly) "Popular Clematis," and I wish it could be read by all who are fond of the clematis. The beauty and delightful fragrance of the Paniculata can scarcely be described, and the rich, dark purple of the Jackmanii is certainly a joy. I find the experiences of others, at times, quite helpful. Mine has been as follows: Our porch opens toward the south and east. About sixteen years ago I planted a clematis Paniculata, and near the corner I planted a Crimson Rambler, and just around the corner on the east side a Jackmanii, then a Henryri. The latter bloomed one year, then gave it up; I replaced it with another which had a small, purple bloom, but was always so covered with aphids that I finally cut it all out. A few years ago I replaced it with another which a friend gave me. He had purchased quite a number from the representative of some English house, and he told me this one was large, double white. I planted it and took great care of it, but before it bloomed I made up my mind it was not a double white but a Paniculata. Those which my friend planted all died and mine is still doing well. During several years the Jackmanii and Crimson Rambler have bloomed at the same time, and the gorgeous colors combined were certainly very pleasing to me, and I can say that many people passing the house would exclaim when they saw the display of bloom. In the spring of 1906, and while looking for the Jackmanii to start growing, I found no life in it. With much regret I cut it all away and supposed I had lost it. The following spring I was surprised to find several shoots coming up from the roots after being apparently dead for more than a year. I trained them carefully, as usual, and the blooms were delightful; and the new shoots which have started this year were yesterday, March 31st, about two feet high, and I am looking for a fine display this year. But I notice my Jackmanii has smaller blooms than those described by Mr. Brown, and presume it is in consequence of the better culture and attention which he gives his plants.

W. K. RICHARDS, Missouri.

### FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

I greatly enjoy reading your magazine, and always look to see "what State" when someone writes of the success they are having with certain flowers, for I have learned of many by experience that I cannot bring to perfection here. I have to give up anything that is tall, for the wind blows all the time. The springs are cold—this year more than one inch of snow fell on May 4th. Frosts and hail are unexpected guests some times. I am an inexperienced gardener. Having been in the country only a few years the novelty of having a garden all my own has not yet worn off. Flowers I dearly love, but pansies, pinks and zinnias are about all that I have been successful with. I use pansy for my border. I sow the seed in boxes in the spring, cover with glass and put the box out doors as early as I can. I transplant to the border on both sides of a brick walk down what I call my

"pansy pathway." I watch around my garden and when I find a stray plant remove it to the border. By renewing some of the plants every spring I have the pleasure of their bright faces all the summer. Pansies and pinks both bring to memory loved ones that have gone on to the great unknown. Certain flowers, like music and perfumes, often bring back to mind "the days that are no more." That which we have to work hardest for gives us the most pleasure, and that is flowers up here. So when we get discouraged with an early frost we turn to our house-plants. I was glad to read of the advice not to take them out of the pots through the summer, and I want to tell you of a sad mistake I made last spring. I had some rose bushes in pots that I got last winter, and I thought I would trim them up, so I cut them back with the scissors and they all died.

MRS. E. M. B., New Hampshire.

### ROSE CUTTINGS.

Seeing your request for letters from your readers for publication in the department of "Our Experiences," I thought my experience with rose cuttings might interest someone. Last October I wanted to start a lot of cuttings of roses, and as my former experiences of covering them with glass jars was unsatisfactory, I hit upon another plan. I took an ordinary soap box and about half filled it with garden soil, sand and a very little well-rotted stable manure. I mixed all together well, then smoothed it down nicely with a board and gave it a good soaking with water. Then I took my rose cuttings and stuck them down into the soil, leaving about two inches sticking above the earth. I covered the top of the box with an old window sash and put it out in the garden on the south side of the house where it would get plenty of sun. As the weather became colder I banked fresh manure from the stable all around the box up even with the top of the box. At night I threw a piece of carpet over the sash and removed it again in the daytime if it was nice weather. In this way I had a miniature hot-bed. The first watering was sufficient for all winter, and the slips were given no more until spring. They commenced to grow right away and soon the new shoots reached to the top of the glass. I now have sixty strong, little bushes, and some of them have buds on.

H. L. H., Virginia.

### A ROSE FROM SEED.

As you have so cordially invited subscribers to write their experience with plants, I would like to tell them of a rose I raised from seed. Three years ago when I subscribed I also sent an order for seeds and bulbs, among them the seed for this rose, which was to bloom in sixty days. Several plants came up, but one only lived, and blossomed when not more than three inches high. The flower was single and very small, but exceedingly fragrant. After the first two flowers I kept the buds pinched back, and it was left in the pot until the next spring. In May I planted it in the garden. It made a fine growth and bloomed several times during the season. It was left out all winter with good protection, and last summer it bloomed almost continually, having as many as seven roses in a cluster and partly double, each rose about as large as a five-cent piece, pure white and deliciously fragrant.

DELLA VERRIER, Indiana.

### VIOLET CULTURE.

I beg to thank you for your kind letter and suggestion of recent date relative to my perplexities with the violet problem. I have been an interested reader of your paper, but have never seen any experience given in the culture and handling of violets for shipping the cut flowers. I am embarking in the enterprise on a small scale as a commercial venture, have planted the "Coronet," which I obtained from a Massachusetts firm. I would like to hear from any one who has had experience with this particular kind of violet, and also the business as a source of revenue. Would like to take up the matter direct with some one in the business. I have profited so much by the experiences given in your magazine that I feel certain some reader must have already solved my problem and will favor us all with the answer.

MISS M. B. GRAHAM, Mississippi.

### FROM DAKOTA.

I should like to hear from more people in the cold Northwest. I find that we can have plenty of flowers and beautiful home surroundings here if we plant the right kind. I have better success in starting chrysanthemums in a bottle of water, set in a warm, shady place, than in soil or sand. They have a fine bunch of roots in five weeks. I have found the Nicotiana Affinis and Sanderea to be the hardiest of garden annuals. I have no trouble with lilies-of-the-valley in the house. Good, strong pips (as large as your middle finger-tip), potting soil of coarse leaf-mold and sand, or its equivalent, roots four or five inches long and a steady temperature of 60 or 70 degrees with plenty of sun when up; these are the requisites. Don't let the air get too dry. Spray often or set a pail of boiling water under the plant stand.

H. C., North Dakota.



## Floral Problems

Conducted by R. R. McGregor.

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**Rose Slugs**—Elizabeth M. N., Washington, D. C.—Replying to your inquiry, the rose-bud has been damaged by a rose-slug, no doubt. The remedy is to get the slug. Such worms are killed by the "hand picking" process, or by spraying with arsenical poisons in solution.

**Cinerarias**—A number of questions are asked by various parties. They are best when raised from spring-sown seed. They are easily grown, but indoor are subject to the green fly and also to red spider. Keep tobacco stems on the soil to keep down the one pest, and wash the leaves often, making sure the undersides are reached, to keep down the other.

**How to Identify the Poisonous Ivy**—Mrs. Eliza J. W., St. Louis, Missouri—The poison ivy or poison oak (*Rhus Toxicodendron*) is not at all difficult to distinguish from other vines. The poison ivy has three leaflets, while the common Woodbine (*Ampelopsis Quinquefolia*) has five leaflets, composing each leaf. It is interesting to note that the well-known Smoke Tree so universally planted among ornamental shrubs belongs to the same family, and is itself quite poisonous, although not so much so as the poison ivy.

**Plant Lice**—W. C. W., Tennessee—Ants will not do your grape vines or chrysanthemums any harm. Look into the matter a little deeper. Are there not aphids (plant lice) on the leaves of your plants? These are what the ants are after. They extract from the aphids the sugar obtained from the juices of the plant on which they feed. Go after the aphids and the ants will leave. You can poison the ants with moistened sugar and Paris Green. Keep the poison away from the children, if any are about, especially after mixing with the sugar.

**How to Destroy the Wild Morning-Glory**—W. H. M., Peoria, Illinois—The wild morning-glory can only be destroyed by persistent digging up of the roots, cutting off of the vines so as to prevent their going to seed, or any other means or methods that will prevent growth and spread. One of the worst of this family is the Ipomea Pandurata, or Man of the Earth, having roots attaining in some instances the size of a man's body. The flower and foliage is, however, quite ornamental, and is frequently sold by florists.

**To Get Rid of Ants**—Mrs. J. W. S., Illinois—Place a teaspoonful of moistened sugar with which has been mixed a small quantity of Paris Green, on the soil where the ants make their home. Or if there are children in the house and there is danger in this, cover the soil where they work with Persian Insect Powder, a non-poisonous preparation which is quite effective. This preparation is quite safe and easy to handle, and is sure death to almost all insects, except those of the scale family. The ants are not perhaps responsible for the trouble with your palm, however.

**Too Rich**—Mrs. A. L. S., Texas—Few people kill their plants with kindness, but this lady bids fair to do so. Let her shake her carnations out of soil that is half manure, and add double its present bulk with loam. Cut off the spotted leaves and burn them. Repot in this new soil, and the plants will recover if the injury has not been too great. It takes a gross feeder to stand one-third manure in a potting soil. Most plants will not stand above one-fourth. Manure is a help, when used in moderation. Used in excess, it will "fire" and burn up the roots of any plant.

**Wintering Bulbs and Transplanting Ivy**—Mrs. Wm. B. B., Indianapolis, Indiana—About the time the leaves are touched with frost, cut the stems of the leaves of caladiums, or elephant ears, about three or four inches from the bulbs; dig them up, leaving some earth clinging to the roots, and store in boxes of dry sand during winter. Store in a cool, dry place where they will not freeze. Woodbine or American ivy may be transplanted practically at any time, but preferably in the fall or spring. Use rather young plants and set them out about the time the leaves begin to turn color. They are quite easy to transplant and seldom die after doing so.

**Cyclamen and Primula**—Mrs. F. W. B., Minnesota—Strike a happy "mejum," as Josiah Allen's wife would express it. To cover the cyclamen's corm entirely is to invite crown rot. To expose the whole bulb is against Nature, as it roasts it in hot and chills it in cold weather. Leave a third or fourth of the top of the corm



exposed. Give only a moderate amount of water to a cyclamen. The blighted primula leaves did not so much come from too much water as from poor drainage. Primulas are sensitive to that. When you ceased watering so freely, the soil became less stagnant, and the new growth of leaves has not been attacked, because of this better condition.

**Cyclamen and Cinerarias**—Mrs. M. B., Wisconsin—If kept several feet from any other cyclamen the seed will not mix on indoor plants. Bees might cross-fertilize in the open air. The plants will not need to be hand fertilized. Cinerarias are a specially choice morsel with the red spider. The edges of the leaves will curl if attacked by them, and the whole leaf assumes a grayish-green appearance. The remedy is to immerse the whole tops in water as hot as the hand can be borne in, and do this two or three times a week. Your soil was over-rich, which may possibly have induced rust. Sulphur on the unaffected leaves and the burning of the others ought to have stopped the trouble if rust was the cause.

**Palms**—This will answer several inquiries. Palms prefer a strong, rather stiff soil to a loose, sandy, or porous one. A fourth or fifth part sand helps in promoting proper drainage. A compact half loam or garden earth, or rotted sod, with a fourth old manure and the other fourth sand, will suit them well. Look to the drainage, for soured or stagnant earth has killed as many palms as wars have slain men. During their growing season, water liberally. During winter, water sparingly. When palm leaves turn brown at the tips, it is an indication that either too much water has been given at rest time, or that the drainage is poor. It is always a danger signal. Palms are subject to scale. If attacked by this pest, use soapy water to loosen them, then rub the entire surface of the leaves and stem, so as to remove them.

**Seeds Without Blossoms**—R. M. W., Ohio—The violet furnishes the best known example of what botanists call cleistogamous flowers, i. e., those fertilized in the bud, without the opening of the flower. The plant when in normal condition bears the ordinary blossoms. Late in the season, it develops fat buds that never open. Usually they are concealed beneath the leaves. No petals form, even in the bud, but an immense amount of seed forms in each. When a violet plant is set out, it may lack vigor enough to develop regular flowers. But they rarely fail to set these "fraud" buds, that scatter seeds right and left and so help to perpetuate their kind. After another season your violet plants will be strong enough to produce blossoms. There is nothing wrong with their present behavior.

**Care of the Palm**—Mrs. O. S. R., Oklahoma—Your treatment of the palm was unfortunate. Palm growers never allow the full sunlight to strike the plants, the glass being shaded when the palms are in the greenhouse and slat frames are used to protect them when outside in the summer. It may be, however, that the one day's sun was not the whole cause. Potted plants when out of doors require a great amount of water, much more than when inside, and it is possible that this accounts for part of the trouble. We would suggest that you plunge the pot up to the top in the ground during the summer to prevent drying out so rapidly. If it is scale that is troubling the palm you would surely know it by their presence. Furthermore the disastrous results would not be so sudden.

**Failed With House-Plants**—Address not given—Stop being so "fussy" good to them. They will actually grow faster in unsifted soil because the unsifted is more stratified, and the air circulates better about the roots. Bonora or other fertilizers ought never to be given to a newly-potted or feeble or sickly plant. Ditto as to soot, which is a very concentrated fertilizer and can easily be used to excess. Next time plant your stock as usual, make the soil very firm about their roots, water well to settle the dirt, then set away in the dark for several days, and give not another drop of water until the plants are actually dry at the roots, or un-

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til new growth shows. Then water freely. A newly set plant is chary of water. Watering has been your chief cause of failure. Too much was given before the plants recovered from the shock of removal.

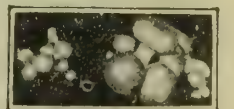
**Window Plants**—Mrs. Emma L. P., Clay Center, Kansas—The list of plants that you mention is a good assortment and the majority of them suitable for the window. We would suggest that you consign the caladium, the calla bulb, both of which should rest soon, to the cool, dry cellar, where they will not freeze, or any similar suitable place; also the amaryllis and cacti could be placed elsewhere than in the window. All of the balance of the list are fine window plants, even when not in bloom. Of the roses, the following are hardy: Lady Gay, Baby Rambler. Watch for the moles at the following times of the day, when they run: 5:30 to 6:30 a. m.; 11:30 to 12:30 m.; and again about sundown. Have a spade handy and by approaching stealthily and inserting the spade in the sun back of them they are easily turned out and dispatched. Mole traps are cheap and effective, but the above method is sure and certain.

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## Aunt Jane's Page

Aunt Jane invites all of our Household Sisters to write her, asking for any desired information, or giving others the benefit of their own experience. Address letters for this department to Aunt Jane, care Household Journal, Springfield, Ohio.

The first month of fall is here, and I hope our sisters have all had pleasant vacations for at least a week. I feel while I am writing this that I would enjoy a chat or conference with all my sisters and wish you were gathered together in a large room where we could discuss different methods to be used in our household work. But as this is impossible, I would like to receive letters telling me what would help you in your home; what subjects to discuss; or if you have some good, practical ideas which are time and labor-saving ones, to write and tell me. This would bring us to more friendly terms and make us feel that we really are "sisters."

A friendly letter came the other day from a young "household sister," telling me that she and her sister worked ten hours every day and wanted to know more about the "fireless cooker," as they felt they might be able to have more substantial dinners than they now have. They certainly can. I told her she could put a small roast or ham on the stove and boil for half an hour at night, then transfer to the cooker, and in the morning the meat would be done. Then before going to work the meat could be re-heated on stove, then placed in the cooker and it would be hot for dinner. Peas or potatoes started on stove until starting to boil, then placed in cooker, will be done at noon. Beans soaked over night, then started on the stove and boiled for half an hour, then placed in cooker, would be ready for the noon meal. It takes one-third less rice or breakfast food when cooked in cooker. These require boiling about five minutes on stove before transferred. What a blessing to the working girl or the tired housekeeper these cookers have become. The special caution is to have boxes or trunks packed very tightly with excelsior or hay, and to have large kettles or buckets with tight-fitting lids. The lids should fit on the inside of bucket. I do hope I have made this plain, for I know what a comfort these cookers are to me.

The other day I fried a chicken, then made gravy and placed all in a tight-fitting bucket and placed in my cooker. I also had roasting-ears started on stove, then placed in cooker, then I went away to spend the day. At noon the dinner was hot and ready to serve to three men who were left at home.

My girl friend who wrote about the cookers also asked if there was any danger of fire when left several hours. Not a bit in the world, if there are no sparks on the bottom of kettle when lifted from the fire to place in cooker. It would be well to have a dry cloth and wipe off the outside of kettle. This will keep the cooker clean, too.

Autumn is the time for pickling, and this year everyone should obtain what tomatoes, cucumbers and other vegetables they need as all are so plentiful. In preparing pickles the chief rule is to avoid the use of metals. Acids dissolve the lead that is in the tinning of sauce-pans. Always use wooden spoons.

Here is an easy way to pickle large cucumbers. Scrub the cucumbers with a

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brush. Take one gallon of vinegar, one cup of sugar, cup of salt, cup of ground mustard, cup of chopped or ground horseradish. Mix in a few cloves and cinnamon. Place cucumbers in jar and pour over the mixture, then seal. The beauty of this way saves cooking vinegar, and is so easy to do.

If you wish something appetizing try baking tomatoes this way: Select firm, medium-sized, ripe tomatoes. Cut off the stem end and with a spoon carefully remove the pulp and seeds, leaving intact the walls of the tomato. Chop the pulp fine and mix with one-third the quantity of bread crumbs and one-third chopped ham or chicken. Add salt, pepper, sugar and chopped onion. Fill the tomato cups with this mixture and arrange in a baking-dish. On top of each, place a small lump of butter, sprinkle lightly with bread crumbs. Pour hot water around the tomatoes and bake until done.

### ENTERTAINMENT.

(Mrs. Clara Houston.)

As vacation is over and young folks are back in school, various ideas for entertaining on Friday evenings will now be the question for the young folks. Why not try this? Secure pencils and papers and write the following questions:

### STATE ABBREVIATIONS

In abbreviation which is

1. The most egotistical of States? (Me.)
2. The most religious? (Mass.)
3. The father of States? (Pa.)
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6. The decimal State? (Tenn.)
7. The most astonishing State? (O.)
8. The most unhealthy? (Ill.)
9. State to cure the sick? (Md.)
10. State for students? (Penn.)
11. State where there is no such word as fail? (Kan.)
12. Not a State for the untidy? (Wash.)

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Ohio—You ask how to test linen. Take a corner of the cloth and stretch it over a dampened finger. If it spots immediately it is pure linen.

Young Housewife—In answering your question in regard to hanging blankets on the line after washing, always remember to put them lengthwise over the line, otherwise they are likely to split from the weight of water in them. After they are dry beat lightly with a clean, willow carpet-beater. The wool will become light and soft like new.

Mrs. B.—In frying fish, you should place it in hot lard, and as soon as browned on one side, turn it over and brown on the other, then set on back part of the stove, cover closely and let it cool slowly.

Mrs. S. K., Ohio—Don't wash your linoleum with hot water or suds. Use half water and half milk, warm. This keeps the lustre new.

Beginner—There are older housekeepers who make mistakes, so don't be discouraged. It will take time and patience to overcome obstacles. Remove the pan from the fire while the thickening is being stirred in and when smooth return to the fire to cook. This will prevent lumps forming.

Subscriber—A mixture of baking-soda and table salt makes an excellent dentrifice. It is used in the proportions of one part soda to two of salt. This will be found to whiten and preserve the teeth, harden the gums and sweeten the breath.



## Household Helps

### TWO WAYS.

Would'st thou be wretched? 'Tis an easy way;  
Think but of self, and self alone, all day;  
Think of thy pain, thy grief, thy loss, thy care—  
All thou hast to do, or feel, or bear.  
Think of thy good, thy pleasure, or thy gain,  
Think only of thyself—'twill not be vain.

Would'st thou be happy? Take an easy way;  
Think of those 'round thee, live for them all day.  
Think of their pain, their loss, their grief, their care;  
All that they have to do, or feel, or bear,  
Think of their pleasure, of their good, their gain;  
Think of those 'round thee—it will not be vain.

### HINTS FOR NEEDLEWORKERS.

The paper which is wound with a bolt of ribbon will be found very useful to place under very thin goods which are being stitched on the machine, as it will keep the cloth from puckering and can be easily managed in removing.

A cover of green burlap may be cleverly arranged on a porch table to hold papers and magazines. On each of the four sides a piece eight inches wide is turned up, and stitched into sections like a fancy-work apron. It is attached firmly to the table by tapes sown inside the four corners and tied securely about the legs of the table.

A useful and easily constructed apron for a housekeeper is made for holding clothes-pins. It is cut double and almost circular in shape except for a small dip at the top. In one of the pieces two backward-turning slashes are cut and bound with braid. The pieces are then placed together, wrong sides touching, and the edges, except the dip, bound with the same kind of braid. The apron is then put on to a narrow band which buttons at one side. One who has never used one of these bags cannot appreciate their great convenience.

### ONE-PIECE CIRCULAR DRAWERS.

No. 6016—The fad of the one-piece garment has extended to the realm of underwear, and the drawers that are made in one piece are the latest shown. In the illustration they are trimmed with frills



6016 One-Piece Circular Drawers,  
22 to 32 waist.

of embroidery and with those of the material trimmed with insertion and both styles are equally correct. The feature of the garment is to be found in the perfectly smooth fit at the waist line combined with abundant flare at the lower edges. All materials that are used for underwear are appropriate.

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### MENU SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

#### Breakfast.

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#### Lunch.

Chicken Bouillon—Salted Wafers—Tomato Salad—Baked Corn-beef Stew—Cucumbers with Sliced Onions—Hashed Beef with Rice—Cocoanut Drop Cakes—Cream Chocolate Pie—Chilled Grape Juice—Peaches Sliced and White Cake.

#### Dinner.

Peach Dumplings—Creamed Cabbage—Cottage Cheese—Tomato Salad—Vegetable Soup—Creamed Clams—Stuffed Tomatoes—Fried Tomatoes—Drip Coffee—Veal Cutlets—Blue Points—Grape Jelly—

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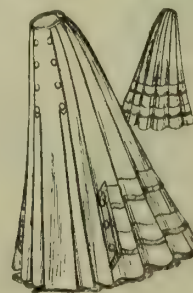
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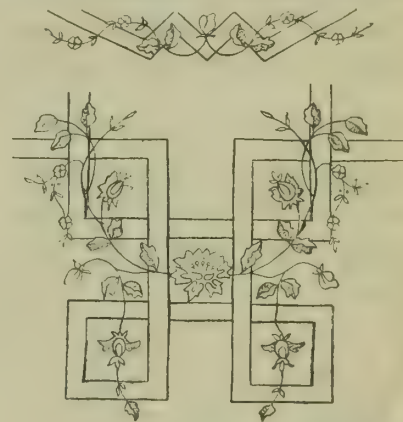
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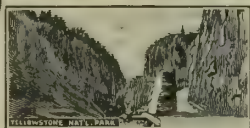


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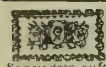
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## Our Boys and Girls

### AUNT BECKY'S LETTER TO THE COUSINS.

Dear boys and girls:

Wouldn't you like to become acquainted with several boys and girls who live in other places? You can do this through the "Make Friends Club." If you want to become a member of this club, just write me and tell me all about yourself. Send the letter to Miss Rebecca Dean, 318 State street, Quincy, Illinois. Next month I will print the names of all the boys and girls who have written to me during the month, asking to become members of the "Make Friends Club." I want all the young readers of the Household Journal and Floral Life to write to me.

Lovingly, AUNT BECKY.

### HOW TEDDY GOT HIS RIFLE.

Teddy was the son of Mr. Rankins, a well-to-do Illinois farmer. He was a very industrious boy; so now at the age of thirteen, he had a calf, two hogs and a colt. But there was one thing Teddy wanted that he did not have, and that was a rifle. Mr. Rankins had often been heard to say that he did not believe in a boy having a rifle before he was sixteen.

"Why," he once said, "a boy thirteen might try to shoot a hole through a feller's hat when it was on his head just to see how close he could come to his head and not hit it."

So Teddy had in a way resigned his will to his father's and decided not to say anything more about the rifle for the time being.

But he had one consolation. Jake, the hired man, had a rifle which he could hold in his hands and look at, even if he was not allowed to shoot it. Jake and Teddy slept in the same room, the very back bed-room, and Jake kept the rifle standing right beside his bed, where Teddy could feast his eyes on it until he went to sleep.

One afternoon in September, about two o'clock, Teddy lay down under a tree and went to sleep. When he awoke it was half-past five, and as a result when he

tumbled into bed that night he wasn't a bit sleepy. He lay there waiting for sleep to overtake him, but it wouldn't come. He happened to glance at the rifle and fell to planning what he would do when he had his own rifle. The first thing he would do would be to go hunting with Henry Long.

Henry Long was a man who lived about two miles from Mr. Rankin's farm. He was a great friend of all the boys in the neighborhood, but no one had ever heard him speak a pleasant word to a grown person. Some people said he was crazy, others said that maybe he had a reason to hate all the grown people, for certainly none of the older people liked him. He had more than once been suspected of foul play, but no one had ever been able to prove anything against him.

Teddy lay wondering about Henry Long's queer ways, when suddenly he heard a slight commotion in the barnyard. Immediately Teddy was wide awake and on the alert. Then he heard a noise which sounded exactly like the sound of the gate to the sheep-pen.

Teddy arose softly and went to the window. He saw a man closing the gate of the pen. He reached over and got Jake's rifle and stood behind the window curtain to await developments. At first he thought of waking Jake, but that individual was sleeping so peacefully that Teddy thought it would be a shame to wake him.

"Anyway," said Teddy to himself, "I can do this just as well without Jake's help."

Meanwhile the man had gone to the low shed, and now came out with a sheep under each arm. He opened the gate stealthily and looked towards the woods.

"Evidently," thought Teddy, "He is going to take to the woods instead of the road. Well, to do that, he'll have to come past my window. When he gets here I'll give him a little surprise."

The man came toward the house, and as he turned around the moonlight shone full on his face. It was Henry Long! Just as he got within a few feet of the house, he heard a voice say, "Stand right where you are, Henry Long, or I'll fire."

He stopped short and looked toward

the house. Terror was written on every line of his face, for there in the window stood a figure pointing a rifle at him.

Teddy called Jake, who immediately took the place at the window holding the rifle, while Teddy woke his father, and telephoned for the sheriff who lived in the little town of Ashwood, about a mile and a half from Mr. Rankin's house.

The sheriff arrived in about half an hour, and, after putting a pair of extra strong handcuffs on Henry, put him in the buggy and drove to town with him.

Just as they were driving away, Mr. Rankins turned to Teddy and said, "This morning you run over to Ashwood and take your pick of the rifles up there."

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## A Farewell to the Elopement Club

By Rosalie Whiting.

The Elopement club was in session, and the president said:

"Girls, since our last meeting one of our number has accomplished what we all pledge ourselves to accomplish, and is present to take leave of us. The secretary will read that part of our constitution bearing on the case."

The secretary then read:

### ARTICLE II.

Recognizing the wrong committed by men (who by nature have an advantage over women in active fields) in selfishly supporting themselves alone and depriving women of the home and children, we each agree to capture some man for a husband and carry him off by persuasion or force, by hook or by crook, to the matrimonial altar.

### ARTICLE III.

When a member has been successful in this praiseworthy object she shall before retiring from the club narrate the methods she has used.

The president then called on the successful member to comply with the requirements of the last named article. She arose and said:

"Girls, I must say that I have found my object more easily accomplished than I supposed—not that the man I have captured had in the beginning any especial fancy for me; indeed, he was rather inclined to avoid me. He created in me an antagonism which spurred me on in my work, thus helping me amazingly. What do you suppose he had the brutality to say? Why, he said, 'A man is a fool to marry until he is too old to have any fun.'"

"I didn't scold him a bit for that I just said: 'I think so too. Let's have a lot of fun.'"

"How?" he asked.

"We'll spin around together till we get tired of each other—go to theaters, drive, and all that. My uncle gave me a check last Christmas, and I'm dying to spend it."

"He assented to all except my spending any money, proposing to do that himself. I let him do it and put my check aside for a trousseau. He took me out to drive the next day and when we were in a lonely place put his arm around my waist. I didn't object in the least; indeed, I encouraged him. Then we went to the theater together, and he held my hand under a fold of my dress most of the time during the performance. Then we went boating, and, pulling the boat in under overhanging trees, he sat down at my feet and held my hand some more. On this occasion he offered to kiss me, but one must have a limit, and I drew the line there."

"I had been fishing for him a month when I got a bad scare. Another girl set her cap for him. If I had thought she could get him I wouldn't have stood in her way, but she was a stupid creature—didn't know men at all. I had a sharp hook at the end of my line, and I don't believe she had anything but bait. She would only divert him from me. So I made up my mind that I must put the steel through his gills and land him."

"I laid a desperate plan. I got a timetable of trains to and from Eged lake and studied it. Then I asked the man who had said 'A man is a fool to marry till he's too old to have any fun' to take me



out to the lake on a Saturday afternoon. He did. We got out there just in time for dinner and dined on the hotel porch overlooking the lake. It was growing dark when we finished, and he proposed a boat ride. I told him I feared it was too late. He insisted, and I yielded with pretended reluctance. In the boat I offered to bet him a kiss against a pound of candy that he couldn't pull across the lake in a given time.

"Here comes in the beauty of not going too far with a man. If I'd given him kisses he would have been tired of them by this time. As it was, he was crazy to get one. I asked for his watch to keep the time and when he wasn't looking turned the hands back nearly an hour.

"He won the bet.

"I had noticed by the time-table that the last train left at 11:00 o'clock; no other train till Monday morning. When it got too dark to stay on the water longer we landed and went up to the hotel. I saw several people I knew and took pains to pass directly under their noses that they should see that I was there. I had my watch in my belt and when my fish was not looking took note of the time. At a quarter past eleven I suggested that we go to the station. He looked at his own timepiece and said it was only half past ten. I told him he must be wrong and insisted on going. When we got to the station, the train had been gone half an hour.

"I fell over in his arms in a faint.

"When I came to myself again I looked up at him with all the reproach I could summon.

"My reputation!" I gasped. It's gone forever. I'll be cut by everybody."

"I'll drive you home."

"Drive home fifty miles and at night! We couldn't get there till morning. Oh, heavens! What shall I do?"

"I'll stand by you," he said. "I'll kill any man who says you're not pure as an angel."

"Man!" I retorted. "Men have nothing to do with spreading scandals. It's the women. Do you think you could stop their tongues? No woman can be off like this with any man except her husband."

"Is that the only way out of it?" he gasped.

"Well, girls, I landed him. We were married and telegraphed a notice to the city papers, and—and," blushing, "we're very, very happy."

The retiring member was complimented for her skill by the president, and a resolution was inscribed on the minutes of the meeting referring to her method as a stroke of genius.

#### THE HUMMING BIRD.

(By W. H. C. Dodson.)

Poised in the air he seems to float,  
With soft dove-colored breast and throat,  
This dainty bird with buzzing wing,  
The sweetest nectar seems to bring  
Forth from the flowers; is wont to seek  
A dainty meal, with slender beak.

With sparkling eye and plumage green,  
The color of the rainbow seen,  
As forth he flits from flower to flower,  
Within the garden's leafy bower;  
Swiftly he comes, transient his stay,  
Sips each sweet flower, then flits away.

He comes to us each lovely morn,  
When dew-drops glisten on the thorn,  
And sparkle on the new-born rose,  
The time to gather sweets—he knows;  
Then, busy as the honey-bee,  
Sips each sweet flower—lovingly.

And so he comes at eve and dawn,  
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Although he is forced to hurry back home  
When the curtains of night drop down.  
And if you would know why he never tires,  
Why his days are filled up with bliss,  
The reason I'll tell, in his travels round  
Every floweret gives him a kiss.

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS IN THE HOUSE.

I have tried at various times to have a lovely chrysanthemum for the house, but never succeeded until last winter.

I had planted them out during summer, removing them again to the house in the fall, but the blossoms were always inferior. Last year I put one in a water-pail in rich wood's earth and leaf-mold, and set it out by the house, where it would only receive the morning sun. Here I gave it an abundance of water, and liquid manure once every week or two. In the fall I brought it into a cool room and gave it an east window. I have been rewarded by a lovely display of pure white blossoms, partly double, with the petals so curved and curled as to completely hide the center. The blossoms were about as large as a silver dollar, some smaller, and the plant was so healthy looking, and just loaded with blossoms and buds.

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EDITH H.

## WINTERING CANNAS.

Many persons complain that they are unsuccessful in preserving cannas. The reason is evident. The roots are taken up in the fall, the earth all removed, and they are stored in the cellar, exposed to the air. Here a dry mould or fungus attacks them, and by the time they are wanted in the spring they appear black, dry and lifeless. The remedy is simple. When you lift them from the outdoor beds cut off the tops, and dig up the roots with a spade, allowing a portion of the soil to remain attached, place all in a box together, and store in a well-ventilated, frost-proof cellar or room. If in a cellar, no further attention will be needed. If in a dry room, moisten the earth a little if it becomes very dry.

## TIME FOR PLANTING PEONIES.

The best time for planting the peony is as early in the autumn as the buds become ripened, and all planting should be finished not later than October 1st, although they may be safely planted as late as the soil can be cultivated in the fall; but the late-planted sorts will lose a year in reaching full, normal development, and may as well be heeled in, in a cold frame, protected from severe frosts, and planted the following spring as early as the soil can be properly worked. Peonies may be as successfully planted in the spring as in the fall, but, as before stated, it will take an additional year for them to develop into normal plants.

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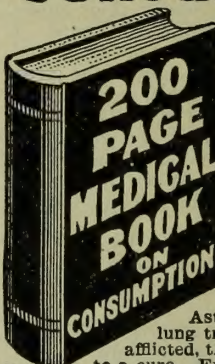
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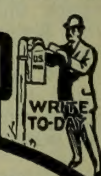
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For we're bring up our baby in the scientific way.

He mustn't kiss his Auntie Maud, nor yet his Uncle John,  
For osculation is a thing that microbes dote upon;  
And now and then, with bated breath, we wonder if 'twill pay,  
This bringing up of baby in the scientific way.

### TOO PARTICULAR TO PLEASE.

"Say, look a-here," said a gentleman, fishing two pin-feathers out of his coffee, "what the deuce are these things doing here?"

"Nothin' tall, boss; jes' floatin' around tendin' to their own business."

"But I don't want feathers in my coffee, you impudent fellow."

"Well, I nebber seed sich 'ticular people. Ef we gives you all r'iley coffee you kicks at dat, and ef we puts eggs en ter settle it you kicks at dat. Dar hain't pleasin' ye nohow."



### QUERY ANSWERED.

"What makes a chicken cross the road?"

### GEORGE'S DIPLOMACY.

George had been away on business for a whole long week, and during that time he had sent Clara ten letters, six letter-cards and forty-two picture post-cards. Why, then, was there a touch of coldness in her greeting when he flew to her arms on his return?

"Dearest," he whispered, "what is the matter?"

"Oh, George," she said, "you didn't send a kiss in your ninth letter."

"My precious," he replied, "that night I had steak and onions for dinner, and you wouldn't have liked a kiss after onions, would you?"

And such is the unfathomable power of love, she was satisfied and nestled to him.

### DID HE MEAN IT?

Her husband—"If a man steals, no matter what it is, he will live to regret it."

His wife—"During our courtship you used to steal kisses from me."

Her husband—"Well, you heard what I said."

### A WARNING TO HER.

Dolly—No; I won't wash my face!  
Grandma—Naughty, naughty! When I was a little girl I always washed my face.

Dolly—Yes; and now look at it.

### THE WORM TURNS.

She buys a gown,  
The best in town,  
Expends three hundred dollars.  
While, hub, the worm,  
Can only squirm  
And turn his cuffs and collars.

### KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED.

A couple of colored blacksmiths in an Alabama town, concluded lately to dissolve their partnership, and made the fact known by nailing on the door of their shop, a notice to that effect. The notice ran as follows: "The kopardnershipp heretofor resisting between me and Mose enkins is heerby resolved. All persons owing the firm will settel with me, and all perrsons that the firm owes to will settel with Mose."

### THEY GO OUT.

"The great trouble with gasoline stoves is they are so apt to go out."

"Is that so?"

"Yes. Through the roof."

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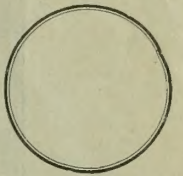
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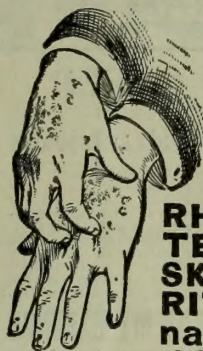
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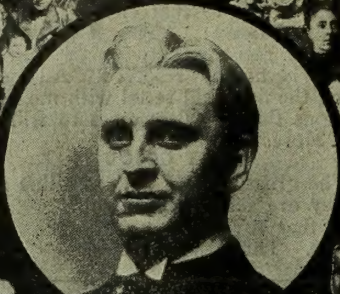
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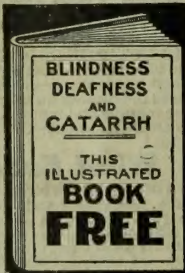
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